



Jernsalem Mayor Ehold Ohnert (center) is briefed on Wednesday night's terror attack at the scene in the Mostern Quarter of the capital's Old City yesterday. (Brian Hendler) (Brian Hendler)

Gov't beefs up Old City

PM proposes Likud primary referendum

By SARAH HONIG

Prime Mioister Binyamin Netanyahu yesterday proposed going to the Likud's more than 200,000 members and asking them how they want the party to elect its Knesset candidates - via primaries or through the central committee.

Netanyahu's proposal, made at a press conference in his Jerusalem bureau, was roundly welcomed by Likud ministers and MKs who hotly oppose the recent convention decision to dump the primaries and who have been critical of its proceedings.

The party court last oight quickly endorsed another proposal Netanyahu made public at his press conference and appointed a team to probe all complaints regarding the convection. The team will be headed by the coort's chief, retired judge Hanna Evenor.

The choice was criticized by Likud Knesset faction chairman Meir Sheetrit, who crossed swords with her earlier in the week when she ruled that the Knesset faction could not set up its own inquiry. The team's other four members.

- Science Minister Michael Eitan, MK Reuven Rivlin, Hod Hasharon Mayor Ezra Binyamini, and former Rishon Lezion mayor Hananya Gibstein - were nominated by Netanyahu.

It wasn't for nothing that the Likud ministers cheered so loudly

after Prime Minister Binyamio

Netanyahu proposed a referendum

among Likud members on the pri-

victory.

have been assessed.

Netanyabu's press conference was the first time he faced reporters since returning from ahroad on Wednesday. It followed

another day crammed with political consultations geared to defusing the Likud's crisis. His most important meeting was

with Communications Minister Litnor Livnat, who was close to joining the anti-Netanyahu rebels. Their two-hour meeting lasted longer than those with any other minister or MK since his return.

She said they "dealt with all the subjects oo our ageoda," but refused to elaborate, except to say,

"We'il meet again." At the press conference, Netanyahu emphatically denied any intention to sack her or any other minister.

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Netanyahu buys some time

COMMENT BY SARAH HONIG

mary system. They could smell won't be his fault if it can't be This even though there is oo done.

However, if the over 200,000 precedent in the Likud for a partywide referendum and the mechanparty members are polled - and ics of conducting one are far from clear. None of the legal or possible the Likud higher-ops can be counted on to move heaven and financial niceties of the notion earth to make sure this happens the likely answer will be that the rank and file want primaries. But Netanyahu is ahead, even if his proposal never gets off the Many joined and paid their dues ground. He will appear to have offered to do the right thing, and it for oo other reason than to cast their ballots.

Once they have their say, Netanyabu will not be able to shirk his commitment to put his full political weight behind the majority sentiment. It will also be morally impossible for the 2,750 central committee members to ignore the mandate of the 200,000

party faithful. The ministers, meanwhile, believe that if the referendum does take place, the primaries will be restored. They also think that Netanyahu has, in effect, given in to their pressure, but that he has done it elegantly.

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By ELLI WOHLGELERNTER and JAY BUSHINSKY

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> The government reacted swiftly yesterday to the Wednesday night murder of a yeshiva student in Jerusalem's Old City, announcing it would set up another small police post there and beef up patrols in response to the terror attack.

unprecedented act of terrorism Prime Mioister Binyamin which was "intolerable" and most oot go unpunished. Netanyahu described the attack, Netanyahu ooted that the in which Gavriel Hirschberg,

26, was killed and Benny Dil, assailants used Kalashnikov 18, was wounded, as an automatic rifles, stressing that this was a grave escalatioo in the type of weaponry used by hit teams operating in Jerusalem.

This was an attack the likes of which we have never sustained," Netanyahu said yesterday at a news conference that mainly was devoted to the crisis within the Likud Party.

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Clinton cautious on Iraq, increases US forces

By HELLEL KUTTLER and news agencies

WASHINGTON - Washingtoo gave a cantious welcome yesterday to what looked like a reversal by Iraq, but just in case sent more weapons to the Gulf and said it had nothing to do with any Iraqi-Russian deal on UN inspections. President Bill Clinton said he

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would "wait and see" if Iraq meets a promise to comply fully and uoconditionally with UN resolutions on the arms inspections, suspended last week when Iraq refused to let in American members of the UN teams. Iraq said yesterday it would let

UN inspectors resume their work, only hours after the conclusion of a meeting in Geneva by the foreign ministers of Britain, France, Russia, and the US, and a Chinese

diplomat The meeting of the foreign ministers ... strongly reaffirmed our unanimous position - Saddam Hussein must comply uncondi-tionally with the will of the international community," Clinton told religious leaders at the White House. "In the coming days we will wait and see whether he does in fact comply.

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Palestinian policemen jailed without trial

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Three Palestinian policemen, who have been detained for four months in connection with a plot to attack settlers, are not to be indicted - even though they confessed and reenacted the attempted attack - but placed in administrative detention, Army Radio reported yesterday. Authorities arrested Sa'ir Dueikat, Munjad Juda, and Faiz

Tirawi last July, saying they were on their way to attack Har Bracha, near Nablus. They said at the time they bad "electronic evidence" proving Palestinian Police chief Ghazi Jabali had sent the three to attack Jews and demanded the Palestinian Authority hand him over for trial.

Rafael Eitan calls for unity government

Agriculture and Environment Minister Rafael Eitan called for the creation of a national unity government, saying that the gov-emment is weak and threatened by both rebellion and abandonment from within.

He was speaking at a meeting of his Tsomet Party's executive committee, which also decided that the party will run independently in the next elections. Eitan also said that in talks with elements in the haredi community, a plan is being drawn up to draft yeshiva students into separate units that will guard holy places.

Beersheba District Court yesterday began hearing another appeal by Mordechai Vanunu, convicted of espionage for releas-ing details of the country's nuclear program. While the content of his appeal were not made public, sources in the Organization to Prevent a Nuclear Holocaust said he wants the computer previously authorized by the court and a telephone placed in his cell. He is also seeking an end to his solitary confinement, to be allowed to speak to other prisoners, and to be allowed recreational visits to the prison yard. He has already served nine Itim years of an 18-year sectence.

Hollander seeks to rein in civil servants

Civil Service Commissioner Shmuel Hollander plans to ask Attorney-General Elyakim Rubinstein to examine ways of bar-ring civil servants from political activities. Hollander responded to a letter from the Movement for Quality Government in Israel following reports of political involvement by, Avigdor Lieberman, director-general of the Prime Minister's Office, the movement's spokesman said.

Hollander noted that current regulations do not completely bar senior civil servants from political activity, Batsheva Tsur

Holy See view of Jerusalem unchanged

Latin Patriarch Michel Sabbah this week said a recent agreement between Israel and the Holy See did not change the church's view of the political status of Jerusalem. The 1994 agreement defines the "juridical personality" of Catholic institutions and gives bodies such as monasteries, religious orders, schools, and charitable institutions legal standing similar to that of voluntary institutions in Israel.

Speaking as president of the Council of the Heads of the Catholic Churches, Sabbah said the agreement "does not change in any way, in the present or in the future, the legal or the political status of the Holy City of Jerusalem."

Haim Shapiro and news agencies ÷.,

Delegation to Nazi gold conference named

The Swiss government said yesterday that Thomas Borer, head of its task force on World War II, will lead its delegation to a British-sponsored conference on Nazi gold next mooth. Jean-Pierre Roth, vice president of the Swiss National Bank, will be

General amnesty bid draws fire

By BATSHEYA TSUR

A proposal to grant a general 50th anniversary amnesty to prisoners bas met with lukewarm reactions on the part of politicians and opposition from Attornev-General Elyakim Rubinstein and President Ezer Weizman even before the committee preparing the celebrations presents its proposal to the government on Sunday. Committee head and former finance min-

ister Yitzhak Moda'i is proposing that the jubilee be marked by a wholesale annesty, such as was granted when the state was founded in 1948 and after the Six Day War in 1967.

But Rubinstein challenged the idea, saying that the two previous amnesties had proven "patently unsuccessful." Following the 1967 amnesty, Rubinstein pointed out, 60 percent of those pardoned

While the president has the right to grant pardons, in consultation with the justice

minister, a general amnesty can only be effected by the passing of a special law. Beil Hanasi director-general Arye Shumer said last night that Weizman

opposes a general amnesty. "The president doe not make a connection between the 50th anniversary and a broad amnesty," he said.

Rubinstein pointed to the 30th anniver-sary, when individual pardons were granted and were followed up by rehabilitation, as a possible model for the 50th anniversary. but said he would not express his opinion vei

Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu said that he has not had time to study the subject, since he heard about the proposal only thorough study.

Netanyahu, however, rejected suggestions that there could be a coalition deal behind the idea, with the aim of relieving Shas MK Aryeh Deri from standing trial. "If there is such a deal, I am oot aware of it and the decisions will not be taken with-

out me," Netanyahu said. Justice Minister Tzahi Hanegbi did not take a definiove stand, saying that if the proposal is made, it should be thoroughly discussed "by all the relevant parties." He said be had no statistics on the effect of the

previous annesties. Internal Security Minister Avigdor Kahalani, however, indicated that his ministry is working in a somewhat different direction. For the past two weeks, Kahalani said, the Prisons Service has been drawing

were back bebind bars within three years through the media earlier in the day. He up tentative lists of individuals who might and more than 75% within five years. said he would formulate bis opinion after a be eligible. But, be said, the standards according to which soch a pardon would be granted have yet to be defined.

Decisions that are likely to cause public dissent, such as a general annesty, should not mar the jubilee celebrations," Knesset Law Committee chairman Sbaul Yahalom said. He called on the government to turn down the proposal.

Perhaps there should be an examination of pardons on a personal basis, but I find it hard to see the connection between the celebration - in which we will express our pride in the state's achievements - and freeng prisoners who are dangerous to the public," MK Amnon Rubinstein said. "There has been a very dangerous rise in crime. The granting of pardons is a laborious process and can be speeded up - but not in connection with the jubilee."

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He did oot take the legally

problematic route of unilaterally overturning the convention deci-

sion. Even if he could do so, it

would be crude and too humiliating. But deferring to Mr. and Ms. Average Likud Member will provide him with a popular ladder on

Several ministers ooted that in

speaking to the press yesterday, Netanyahu took care to stress that

it was he "who had worked tire-

lessly to opeo the Likud up and

introduce the primaries to the

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members that we became the

country's single largest political

These remarks, said the minis-

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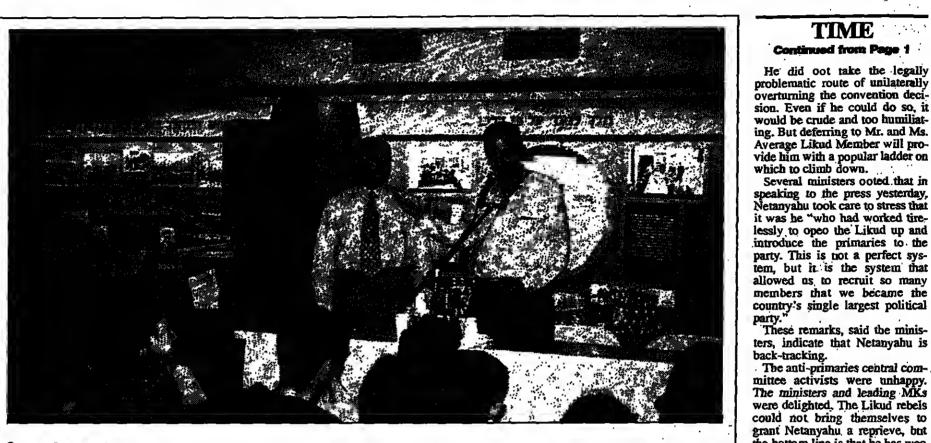
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Current events

Palestinian Authority official Hisham Abdul Razik (left) gives a lecture on current events to 12th graders at Gymnasia Herzliya in Tel Aviv yesterday, after being introduced by principal Ron Huldai.

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existing government guidelines.

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tion of ambitions... It's OK for them to dislike me and disagree with me, but anyone elected on the Likud list owes a minimum of loyalty in Knesset votes - the budget, for example." Netanyahu did not specify how

Netanyahu asserted, are "a coali-

the Likud rank and file would be polled about how to put together

ask for that member's opinion, i will take the answers back to the central committee and will place my full political weight behind. whatever the majority preference among the party faithful is. We need to heal the rift in the party and this mandates unconventional moves."

Netanyahu said the "party court

Netanyahu admitted that he, too, "had made my share of errors. None of us is perfect and immune from mistakes... but I believe I bave made fair proposals and made them in good faith. Anyone wbo wants cooperation, under-standing, and healing in the Likud will accept them."

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hope for." He trusts that the Likud members will overwhelmingly support the primaries and thinks this is "a fair and wise way to resolve the question."

Sheetrit agreed, saying, "This is an excellent move and it is the beginning of the end of the crisis for this party."

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dates and he did not say who would phrase the question. Moreover, be said the members' preferences would oot constitute the final word on the issue that threatens to rip the Likud apart. "The final decision will be that

of the central committee," be explained to the press. "But I want to turn to each of our members and

шу с mittee's brief. I have imposed no restrictions and will not limit this probe in any way."

Asked about demands that Prime Minister's Office Director-Geoeral Avigdor Lieberman be fired, Netanyahu said only that "all of you know that I appreciate Ivet [Lieberman] and that our relations are close... A lot has been said of him that bears no relation to reality. He had been accused of all sorts of transgressions on all sorts of fronts, and everything was refuted. This is why a probe is necessary to get at the truth and avoid rushing into unfair judg-

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Netanyahu could have called for a referendum before the convention," said Begin. "He did oot do so, because he wanted to secure for himself total unbridled control of the party. To that end be deceived his ministers. That is clear and not in need of any probe."

Eitan, who bad oot spared Netanyahu scathing criticism since the convention, cheered the referendum idea: "This is exactly what the party needs. This will get us back on track. This is the best news the party membership could

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activist Yitzhak Regev, one of the central anti-primaries campaigners, deploted Netanyahu's idea. "It will never pass," he predicted. "It goes against the party constitution, and Netanyahu is not above the constitution. I am an ardent supporter of his, but it can't be that a legal convention decision be chalenged just because it undermines the ministers' vested interests."

Netanyahu also conferred with Yisrael Katz, who was chosen agaiost bis recommendation to chair the convention presidium. Katz warned him against overturning the anti-primary resolution.

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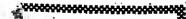
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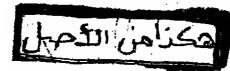
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"I am concerned about this," ' Zayyad said. "We have a lot of

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tor of Ateret Cohanim, said letters were seot to the prime minister and internal security minister yesterday calling for more Jews in both places, accompanied hy an increased security presence.

"We expect the government to make it clear that we are here to stay, and this [attack] will not benefit [the Palestinians]." Baumol



BACKGROUND By HERB KEINON

ing nearby called Beit Eliyahn, were takeo over by Ateret Cohanim in March 1991, the last time an Ateret Cohanim student, Elharian Atali, was slain in a terrorist incident. In reaction to that attack, the Shamir government allowed the yeshiva to take over two huildings in the Moslem Ouarter - one was named Beit Elhanan after Atali, and the other Beit Eliyahu, after yeshiva student Eliyahu Amedi, who was stabbed to death in the Old City in 1987.

These two buildings had been expropriated by the government for security reasons in 1969 and stood empty until given to the yeshiva in 1991. However, a court battle led to the eviction of Ateret Cohanim from the buildings soon after Labor came into power io 1992, and they have been empty

since then. Ateret Cohanim, located in a Moslem Quarter huilding that once housed the well known Torat Haim Yeshiva, was established in 1978 hy graduates of the Mercaz Harav Yeshiva intent on moving into all parts of the Old City. In addition to the main yeshiva, Ateret Cohanim also runs a premilitary yeshiva called Ateres Yerushalavim.

There are some 300 yeshiva students, and about 60 families living in the Old City outside the Jewish Quarter. In addition to Ateret Cohanim and Ateret Yerushalayim, there are three other small yeshivot in the Moslem Quarter.

Yisrael Kimche, a municipal planner and researcher for the Jerusalem Institute for Israel Studies, said he does not envision a move into other Old City properties as a result of this week's terror attack, simply because there are no other properties available.

"They may want to move more Jews into the Moslem quarter," Kimche said, "but there is nowhere to put them, and there is no room to build."

'It was a privilege to **know** him'

By ELLI WOHLGELERNTER

The students of the Ateret Cohanim Yeshiva went back to learning yesterday, sitting across from each other in the study hall or by themselves, at yellowish tables squeezed close together. A picture of Avraham Isaac Hacoben Kook, former chief rabbi and spiritual mentor of the national religious camp, looked down from the wall. Spread out on the tables before them were books of Torah, and even a few laptop computers with Torah programs on screen. It was, as expected, a subdued atmos-

phere, missing the usual cacophony of students arguing one with the other the fine points of Talmud.

Outside in the narrow hallway, the talk was of Gavriel Hirschberg. "You never met a person like this," said fellow student Dudi Bar-Sela. "He lived in the Diaspora, grew op with no Jewish education; yet felt such a connection to this country that he decided to make aliya and return to Judaism." Hirschberg, who was 26 and unmarried, immigrated to Israel five years ago from Hungary, together with his brother. Their parents still live in Hungary. After his three-year army service in the Golani Brigade, he came to study at Ateret Cohanim a year

"He would come to the beit midrash here, and sit in the corner and learn," said Bar-Sela. "He was very introverted, didn't talk to anyone. In class, when the rabbi was teaching and people would get involved in the text, he would sit in the corner and not speak - hut be knew everything that was going on. And he wasn't just learning Torah - he was living it. You could see it in his characteristics, his

behavior. "He was alone here in Israel, just he and his brother, no support sys-tem," said Bar-Sela. "Everyone else has family, old friends - he didn't have anyone. When the studeots weot on vacation, he stayed here, but he didn't complain ... It was a privilege to have known



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It was Hirschberg's dedication to Torah that had him learning late Wednesday night. By midnight he was tired, and left with a friend to return to the dormitory. But waiting in amhush at the foot of some stairs on El-Jabsha Street was a terrorist with a Kalashnikov assault rifle.

As Hirschberg and his friend, Benny Dil, walked up the street toward their dorm at 12:23 a.m., they were met by a burst of fire. Hirschberg was hit in the leg and fell, and the gunman fired six more bullets into him. Dil, seriously wounded, fled to the nearby house of National Infrastructure Minister Ariel Sharon, where guards gave him first aid and called an ambulance.

Outside the yeshiva yesterday on Hagai Street, amid an increased police presence, Arab shops were open as usual.

"We just want peace," said one shopowner. "This is terrible for husiness, when oo tourists come." It was the open shops that bothered Raya Cohen, an 18-year veteran of the Old City.

"After other attacks, the Arabs didn't open their stores, they didn't drive up and down with their tractors," she said. "One Arab neighbor came to me and said he was sorry, but I feel that in general they don't feel uncomfortable, and this makes me so upset - I am in a bad place, and they should feel uncomfortable."

Ezra: Probe where rifle came from

By MARGOT DUDKEVITCH

MK Gideon Ezra (Likud) demanded an investigation to determine if the Kalashnikov assault rifle used in Wednesday night's attack in Jerusalem belongs to a Palestinian policeman.

"The personal weapon used hy a majority of Palestioian policemen is the Kalashnikov, and therefore the Palestinians must carry out a thorough investigation to determine to whom it beloogs and where it came from." Ezra, a former deputy head of

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Border policemen arrest suspects Wednesday night in Jerusalem's Old City.

PA officials blame Netanyahu for attack

By STEVE RODAN WW 21-" interim agreements with the PA and EAT COLLINS A 2000 A 215 T 2 carry out the accords have proven dependence of a section of the

Palestinian Authority represen- useless. tatives blamed Prime Minister He also said that the seizure of Binyamin Netanyahu yesterday two Hamas suspects from PA cus- gles and problems within his govtody last week was a "brutal kidfor the terrorist shooting that

condemn Netanyahu.

national security."

his dealings with the power strugernment do not allow him to con-

centrate on security, furthering the

peace process, and dealing proper-

ly with affairs of state," Labor

whip Ra'anan Cohen said. "A

weak prime minister is a threat to

Meanwhile, Moledet leader Rehavam Ze'evi said the "obvi-

ous response to the attack should

be to immediately populate Ras

al-Amud, speed up the coostruc-

tion of Har Homa, and ensure

massive Jewish construction

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Wednesday night's fatal attack in are out there on the ground. The Jerusalem as an opportunity to attack in Jerusalem shows that the Arabs have not accepted the prin-"Netanyahu's frivolousness and ciple of acting and negotiating only peacefully."

Meretz, whip Haim Oron disagreed, saying the solution is "to stop the provocative settlement of Ras al-Amud and talk to the Palestinians."

(Flash 90)

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killed Ateret Cohanim Yeshiva student Gavriel Hirschberg and 1944 - 1975 - 1986 - 1986 - 1986 - 1986 - 1986 - 1986 - 1986 - 1986 - 1986 - 1986 - 1986 - 1986 - 1986 - 1986 wounded fellow student Benny Dil. فتشد ويرتد والمواد ويروان Meanwhile a PA security source القراءف الساجعان والعرابية وال

said that Palestinian cooperation in investigating the attack, which occurred in Jerusalem's Old City early yesterday morning, would be limited.

Hisham Abdul Razik, a PA official on the joint Israeli-Palestinian security committee, condemned the shooting.

"All acts of violence burts the peace process and have oegative effects," he said. "It doesn't give hope. It just puts things backwards."

No.1 #2 "TO T. 12 MIP تعايية ويستنب المشاقية وإدارا But Razik and other PA officials were much more specific in assigning blame for the attack. Winning numie Razik said the Netanyahu government has refused to implement the

napping by the Israelis. It hurt the authority. The Israelis should return them to the PA and let them go back to prison where they had been serving time."

A PA security source went further. He said that the Preventive Security Apparatus, headed by Col. Jibril Rajonh, would not cooperate with the General Security Service natil the two Hamas detainces are returned. Rajouh has heen accused by Hamas of alertiog the GSS to the transfer of the prisoners in a gesture meant to satisfy the Israelis.

Rajouh has denied the accusation. The Palestinian Legislative Council has established a committee to investigate the affair and plans to draft a report in the oext few days. MKs also used Some

Jerusalem." Transport Minister Yitzhak Levy, of the National Religious Party, whose Knesset faction is to meet Mooday to discuss the attack, said: "The Palestinian Authority is oot fighting terror and is oot rooting it out. We know the PA has released large numbers of Hamas members and the terrorists

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Whose Wall is it, anyway? By ARYEH DEAN COHEN

Does the Western Wall really beloog to Israel? That may depend on just where you're standing.

According to Jerusalem attorney Dr. Shmuel Berkovitz, who looked into the matter for the Jerusalem Institute for Israel Studies, the greater portion of the Wall is legally owned hy the Moslem Wakf.

Berkovitz explained yesterday that in April 1968, Israel acted to expropriate the Old City's Jewish Quarter and the Mugrahi Gate to demolish old buildings and clear single Jewish " the way for the Western Wall Plaza.

However, the government never included the Wall itself in the expropriation, to prevent a renewal of the struggle over the site that existed for decades; and which burst into violeoce under the British Mandate in 1929, leading to the Hebron and Safed riots in which dozens of Jews were killed. They simply did not want to exacerbate that dispute again,"

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Berkovitz said, denying reports that appeared in the Hehrew press yesterday claiming that the gov-ernment simply "forgot" about the Wall.

However, in the map of the expropriation order, and I'm not sure how this happened, the hottom meter of the Wall, that is, its base, is included for a length of 140 meters, which includes all the prayer space at the foot of the Wall and the archeological excavations there," Berkovitz explained. "However, legally and formally, the remaining portion of the wall still belongs to the Wakf."

The Palestinian Authority has claimed that the Wall belongs to the Wakf by right of a 150-year old Syrian document. Asked what impact this discov-

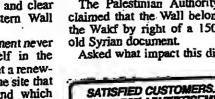
ery could have on the future of the site and negotiations on its future status, he said: "The registration itself will have little impact,

because it woo't be legal hui political arguments which will ulumately determine what happens there, and those decisions are likely to be connected with an overall political plan for resolving the Israeli-Palestinian dispute."

He noted that "the Moslems have more or less accepted the Western Wall as being an exclusively Jewish prayer area, hut they are very sensitive to everything that happens there, because of their historic fear that the Jews would use the Western Wall as a place from which to enter the Temple Mount and destroy the mosques."

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TV: European heads attack PM in letter

British Prime Minister Tony Blair,

By JAY BUSHINSKY

Senior government officials were unaware yesterday of a letter blaming Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu for bringing the peace process to a halt reportedly being brought to Jerusalem by French Foreign Minister Hubert Vedrine. The letter was sent by French President Jacques Chirac, German Chancellor Helmut Kohl, and

Drug 'mule'

dies from

overdose

A Nahariya man, 24, died on the roof of a friend's bouse on

Tuesday after a vial of cocaine he had smuggled from Colombia

announced yesterday.

grams that killed him.

Channel 2 said. It contains a "very forceful demand" that Israel fulfill its commitments with regard to another troop withdrawal in the West Bank this month, Channel 2 went on.

The text faults Israel for the ter?' stalemate in the peace talks with the Palestinian Authority, it said. Netanyahu's policy adviser Uzi

and saw no reason for it. "The prime minister saw Blair in London last Thursday, is scheduled to meet with Kohl in Bonn on December 4, and has an open invitation to meet Chirac in Paris," he said. "So wby the let-

Arad knew nothing of the letter

Arad knew of Vedrine's pending arrival and said that appointments have been scheduled for him.

Lithuanian war-crimes suspect indicted for genocide

force.

came open in his stomach, police Police said an autopsy found 26 served in the Vilnius regional small containers of cocaine, security police during the Nazi weighing a total of 350 grams, in occupation of Lithuania, has his stomach, plus an empty vial that had contained the estimated 6 been indicted for genocide during World War II, the Baltic News Service reported yester-

The man had arrived with his friend, 20. at Ben-Gurion Airport. where he felt ill and received treatment, then went home with his friend and died.

On Wednesday afternoon, drug squad officers arrested the friend on suspicion of smuggling cocaine and took him to Nahariya Government Hospital to await the excretion of the evidence. But the man escaped from the hospital with the help of a friend and fled to an apartment in Acre, where the fugitive's parents tried unsuccessfully to extract the drug.

The two young men then fled to a relative's apartment in Kirvat Shmona, where they were arrested, Police think he managed to dispose of the rest. Remand hearings are to be held today for both men and the parents. (Itim) cute war criminals in Lithuania. To date, no accused Nazi war criminals has been brought to trial in Lithuania. Jewish leaders have often criticized Lithuania for what they perceive as beeldragging. Much of the criticism has surrounded the case of Aleksandras

He is suspected of baving been behind the arrest, imprisonment, and subsequent deportation to concentration camps of Lithuanian Jews. Lithuania's Jewisb communi-

a letter to Lithuanian President

Algirdas Brazauskas demanding

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Zuroff wrote that Gimzauskas'

security force "actively partici-

pated in the murder of tens of

He called on Brazauskas to

keep a 1995 promise to prose-

Gimzauskas be examined.

thousands of Jews."

decision to indict Lileikis, 90, earlier this year, but was bamty, which once numbered over pered by a law prohibiting 200,000, was almost entirely indictments that could endanger destroyed during WWII. In mid-July, Efraim Zuroff, the director of the Simon Wiesenthal Center in Israel, sent the lives of people who are infirm.

The government proposed to change the law so the trial could begin, and parliament is expected to approve the changes within the next few weeks.

Lileikis, Gimzauskas' immedi-

ate superior in the security

The prosecutor announced his

Both Gimzauskas, who moved to Lithuania from St. Petersburg, Florida, in 1993, and Lileikis were stripped of their American citizenship last year for concealing their wartime activities.



Maj.-Gen. Gabi Ophir (left) listens as Deputy Defense Minister Silvan Shalom (right) addresses yesterday's ceremony in Ramle at which Ophir assumed the helm of the Home Front Command. In the center is Ophir's daughter, an IDF officer. (Yael Somekh/Israel Sun)

Ophir takes over Home Front Command

By ARIEH O'SULLIVAN

between the US and Iraq.

But after yesterday's announcement by Iraq that it had agreed to allow American weapons inspectors to return, lines were reported to be shorter.

hopes the flow will remain steady crisis with Iraq, about 2.000 people a day reported to update their

gency exercise," said Col. Gilad Golan, head of the command's

chemical protection distribution branch. "I just hope we won't have to go through the real thing." The current crisis caught the Home Front Command without a commander, since Ophir's prede-cessor, Maj.-Gen. Shlomo Arad,

retired from service nearly three months ago. Ophir, 47, said he had hoped to ease into his new task, but had ended up "hitting the ground run-

ning." "The State of Israel has noth-

ing to worry about," Ophir said, after assuming command at the headquarters in Ramle. "We, the Home Front Command, are still deployed to hand out gas masks as we are every day, all of the time."

Deputy Defense Minister Silvan NIS 50 million previously allocated to the Home Front Command for chemical protection equip-

Shalom said the government on Wednesday had finally freed the ment.

New profile system means more combat troops

By ARIEH O'SULLIVAN

The IDF Medical Corps has revamped its medical profile system to offset a growing tendency to certify fewer and fewer youth fit for combat duty, as detection of physical disabilities by doctors improved.

"We are looking now at their ability to function and not only at their diagnosis," said OC Medical Corps Brig.-Gen. Ariel Eldad. "The medical treatment, allows us to pass people now who before would bave been heavily restricted in their service."

According to the new system, people suffering from asthma can now be given combat duty. Those with heart murmurs and even kidney defects will now not be automatically exempt from service.

Brig.-Gen. Yehuda Segev, head of planning

ability to do a better diagnosis, give better medical treatment, allows us to pass people in the IDF Manpower Branch, said that the new medical profile chart means there will be more combat-fit soldiers. This, he said, will allow more conscripts to serve in place of reservists.

> A preliminary survey found that the new profile system increased the number of combat-fit soldiers by 3 to 5 percent, Candidates for field units, who need lower profiles than combat soldiers, rose by 2 to 3 percent.



Maj.-Gen. Gabi Ophir took over the Home Front Command yester-

day, just as the Saddam Husseinsparked mad rush on gas mask The Home Front Command distribution centers was easing. after it appeared that diplomacy at about 5,000 a day. Before the

had ended the three-week standoff The pressure on the distribution gas masks. centers peaked on Wednesday "For us it has been a good emerwith nearly 15,000 people vying to get their gas masks updated.

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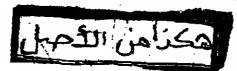
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NEWS

Lebanon quiet is 'deceptive'

By DAVID RUDGE

The relative quiet in south Lebanon in the past two weeks is misleading, sources said yester-

Long-range firing at primarily South Lebanese Army positions has been continuing at an average of two incideots a day, although without caosing any serious casualties

Similarly, there have been attacks on IDF patrols and troops patrolling in the security zone, but also without any casualties or damage.

combination of factors. In incidents yesterday afternoon,

seventar's ceremony in Rate er, an IDF officer, statut Command MKs'

Rubinstein and State Attorney Edna Arbel yesterday gave public support to Supreme Court Justice Dorit Beinisch and deputy state attorney Yehoshua Resnick, whom MKs said bad been promoted to their posicions for belping keep details of the Avishai Raviv affair under wraps.

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Resnick is the prosecutor in the fraud trial of Sbas leader Arych Deri, and has often come under attack from that party. It was oot clear what Azoulai believed 'Resnick's role was in the Raviv

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pilots reported accurate hits on the targets. It was the 79th raid by the IAF on terrorist targets in Lebanon since the beginning of January. There were no reports of any Some security sources believe that the relative lull is the result of a Hizbullah casualties as a result of the raid. Nevertheless, the air strikes are aimed at disrupting the acovities of the various terror orga-

IAF warplanes struck at Hizbullah targets in the Jabal Saffi region,

A-G slams Beinisch allegations

By BATSHEVA TSUR

Attorney-General Elyakim

In a Knesset debate Wednesday,

"The system of attacking public figures and particularly those who are forbidden to react publicly.... hy attributing ulterior motives to them, has to be condemned,". yesterday. The residents had refused to go to school for five statement yesterday evening. days, and management fought hack by suspending their privi-They stressed that the prosecu-

leges. the dismissal

Some veteran Lebanese observers, however, believe that the "relative quiet" is due to a decision by Hizbullah to ease off for the time being in order not to give Israel an excuse for massive retaliation.

"It is quite probable that Hizbullah is taking time out 10 prepare and organize for its winter campaign against the IDF and the SLA," said one veteran observer.

The IDF spokesman said that the "It is also possible, however, that the organization has assessed the preseot situadon in Israel - in particular the shape of the prime minister - and believe be might be in the mood to do something, given the opportuoity, to try distract attention from his domestic problems. This could also be a reason for the relative quiet of late," said the observer.

Lahad blasts Beilin in letter By ARIEH O'SULLIVAN

Gen. Antoine Lahad, commander of the South Lebanese Army, chastised Labor MK Yossi Beilln for saying protecting the SLA is not a good enough reason to prevent a unilateral IDF withdrawal from Lebanon. Lahad wrote to Beilin that it is his right to speak out against abandoning the SLA and that such comments are not, as Beilin had put it, meddliog in the internal affairs of Israel."

"The question of a unilateral withdraw from south Lebanon is not an internal Israeli question," Lahad wrote, "since it has direct bearing on the future of the residents of the security zone whose hlood has been spilled together with Israeli soldiers for the past 20 years."

The two-page letter was dated November 10, a day after Beilin launched the Movement for Leaving Lebanon Peacefully, aimed at con-ducting an ongoing public and political campaign to get the IDF out of Lebanon.

"As a Lebanese citizen, I await and hope with all my heart, more than you, for the day that the IDF withdraws from south Lebanon," Lahad wrote. "But I believe that this sort of withdrawal should only be carried out on the basis of a bilateral agreement betweeo Israel and Lebanon."



Alyn residents protest yesterday in Jerusalem. The placards demand the dismissal of two social workers, whose methods of treatment sparked off a dispute at the hospital.

Alyn residents agree to talk about dispute

. The resideots claimed that the social workers, who were put io charge of their department four mooths ago, "think we're retarded, which we're oot. They don't let us participate in

we have spoiled them all this time; this was a mistake. But we want them to be able to cooform to schedules, learn to run their owo bank accounts, and so oo. We applied sanctions hecause they refused even to talk to management about the disagreement."

payment covered only a fraction the real cost so the hospita

dent mediation effort by a staffer induced Meyer to speak to the residents, who agreed to cootinue talks in a positive atmosphere and without precooditions. Managemeot's sanctioos were theo cancelled, hut residents said that if at least one of the department heads isn't dismissed, they would consider resuming their struggle.



in brief

Warden cannot be fired pending appeal

Hasharon Prison warden Roni Levkovitz cannot be fired or sent on forced vacation unoil the High Court of Justice bears his peti-don on December 29, Justice Yitzhak Zamir ruled yesterday. Internal Security Minister Avigdor Kahalani ordered his firing after seven prisoners escaped from the prisoo on October 8. Levkovitz then turned to the court, arguing that the official inquiry into the escape had oot recommended his dismissal. Itim

Man sentenced for blinding girlfriend's baby

A 24-year-old man from Ashdod was sectenced by the Tel Aviv District Court to six years' imprisonment for fracturing his girlfriend's baby's skull and cansing internal hleeding in his eyes, resulting in the baby going blind. The man also was ordered to pay the child NIS 60,000 in damages. The mother, 23, of Petah Tikva, was convicted of neglecting the

child and was giveo six months' probation.

Judge Natan Amit said that the recommendation by a social worker that the child be returned to his mother be reexamined, since by the end of trial the couple had resumed the relaconship, as if nothing had happened. He recommended that the family court rule on the issue. Itim

Mediterranean spotted fever easily treated

Animal welfare groups are reassuring pet owners that there is no cause for panic despite the two fatal cases of Mediterranean spotted fever which is transmitted by ocks to humans.

"The way the story was covered in the press seemed to place the blame more on dogs than on the ticks," said Jackie Hahn-Efrao of the Jerusalem Society for the Prevendon of Cruelty to Animals. This is not a new disease and is easily treated with antibiotics once diagnosed. We recommend that dog owners treat their pets with one of the easily available commercial sprays or shampoos against ticks. " Liar Collins

UN anti-pollution plan asks \$129m, from Israel

A document drawn up by the UN's environmental protection unit (UNEP) on a comprehensive policy to combat pollution of the Mediterranean requires Israel to invest \$129 million in projects along its coastline. The decision was agreed upon in Tunisia at a convention of Mediterranean countries which ends today. Liat Collins

Scientist helps save poisoned couple

Hand Cars

Dalia Levinson, a fuogus expert at the University of Haifa, helped save the lives of a young Haifa couple who ate wild mushrooms this week. The couple were rushed in serious condition to Bnai Zioo Hospital where doctors managed to save their lives thanks to hours of effort to ideotify the fungi.

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Dr. Michael Kafka, director of the emergency room, said that specimens of the poison mushrooms were brought in the amhulance with the patients, hut no one succeeded in identifying the type so that the proper antidote could be given. Even experts at the nearby, Poison Control Center in Rambam Hospital were unable to name the mushrooms. But they referred the doctors to Levinson, who look identified them as being of the gushit hasatan variety. Doctors were theo able to give the couple the necessary antidote. Judy Siegel

understanding with them, can- be more independent. Perhaps By JUDY SIEGEL celled the transportation which takes them in their wheelchairs to A showdown between severely handicapped youog residents of university, jobs, or shopping cen-Jerusalem's Alyo Orthopedic ters in the afternoons. In-house Hospital and Rehabilitation Center and its directors was eased recreational and coltural events were also halted.

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and she are the "It is important to stress that only a small number of files e. 03-540 👭 against Raviv were closed by the State Attorney's Office, mostly oot on the grounds that he was an agent who should not be RHERE TO REAT ACE exposed," the statement said.

two social workers whom the 30 permaneot residents claimed "doo't treat os like homan beings," the residents hung signs of protest through the hospital and refused to be bused to their

studies. Alyn director Dr. Shirley Meyer, who failed to reach any making." They also said that they pay Alyn NIS 130 monthly for afternoon transport, so "she has oo right to take it away from us." Meyer, who has been director of the hospital for 15 years, said the two oew department heads were instructed to teach the resideots more self-discipline and to

had a right to suspend the transportation services. The resideots sent a letter to

Meyer sayiog they would sit with her only in the presence of an Association for Civil Rights in Israel lawyer oext week and oo condition that the two social workers are fired, but an indepen-

Sharansky slammed at Academy Awards

By HELEN KAYE

The Israel Academy Awards stage became a poliocal boxing arena on Wednesday night, with Industry and Trade Minister Natan Sharansky absorbing most of the punches.

"Call him," director Doron Tzabari said, unveiling a photo of Sharansky with the minister's pbone number. Tzabari, whose Shuli's Guy was selected as the best TV drama, was the most outspoken of the half-dozen winners who castigated Sharansky for cutting funds to the film industry. Last year he came here waving checks, and they bounced," said

Tzabari, urging his audience to inundate the Industry and Trade Ministry with calls. Actress Gila Almagor, who received a Life Achievement

"oo right to pull out a root of Israeli culture. We will not permit you to destroy Israeli cinema." At the ceremony, Afula Express by Assaf Amir won the best film award and five other prizes. (A review of the film will appear in

Monday's Jerusalem Post.) In an oblique dig at the minister, Communications Minister Limor Livnat said that her office had decided to increase to NIS 4 million its funding for original TV dramas.

Sharansky said on Army Radio yesterday that "the allocation to the Quality Film Fund was NIS 4 million. I added another million and transferred the funds to the Ministry of Education and Sport. What has Industry and Trade to do with quality films? If the industry wants govemment funding, let it establish cri-teria instead of whining."

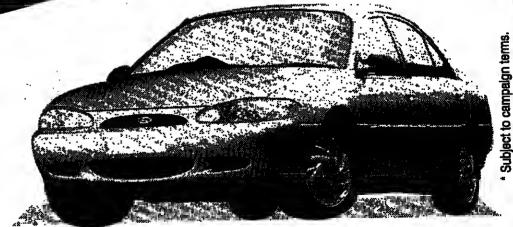
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Ministry warning on 'youth' hormone

The first-ever joint Israeli-Russian stamp was issued this

week by the two countries' philatelic services. The NIS 5 stamp, designed by Pekarskaya Marina Yefimovna of

Moscow, commemorates the writing of 'Eugene Onegin' by

Alexander Pushkin and its translation into Hebrew by the

By JUDY SIEGEL

Joint Israeli-Russian stamp

late Israeli poet Avraham Shlonsky.

The Health Ministry yesterday issued a warning to the public serc iax ^{to} against purchasing or taking Men's Formula" or other forms of DHEA, a steroidal hormone 100 DAYS that has begun to appear in phar-macies and health food stores.

02-^{5365 #*} The sale of the product, and its marketers' illegal and false claimthat it received Health Ministry -3: -11¹³ a approval, was brought to the min-istry's attention on Wednesday by The Jerusalem Post. The ministry Tel. 03-639058 said its legal department and pharmaceutical and food service divisions have already started to take (Ruthie) steps to bar its sale.

The ads, placed by Ofir-Shelpharm Ltd, Super Medic 03-639021 Marketing, Springer and Magen Yazum and Marketing, claimed the hormone was a "revolutionary

cure for impotence" "received ministry approval."

(Text: Judy Siegel)

The pills, sold here for around 12 times the price in the US, were advertised as a "breakthrough for those suffering from erection difficulties due to physical or emotional causes" that "increases sexual activity and is an aphrodisi-

They also claimed it was meant for "meo with a low sperm couot" and that it "fights the aging

process.' Thousands of Internet sites belooging to eotrepreneurs around the world promote DHEA as "treatment" for pacents with AIDS, cancer, multiple sclerosis and other serious diseases - and also say it will "make you look 13 to 20 years youoger."

Doctors say oone of these claims has been corroborated in serious clinical trials.



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Yeltsin fires Chubais over payment scandal

MOSCOW (AP) - President Boris Yeltsin formally dismissed Anatoly Chubais as Russia's finance minister yesterday, a mostly symbolic move to appease the opposition and end a political scandal plaguing the government. Chubais, the government's top

economic policymaker, will retain his much more influential post as a deputy prime minister. Yeltsin also named parliamen-

tary budget committee chief Mikhail Zadornov as the new finance minister, the presidential press service said.

Critics charge that \$90,000 advances paid to Chubais and other senior officials for helping on a yet-to-be-written book were bribes. Chubais and the others deny any wrongdoing over the advances from a publisher affiliated with a top bank that won recent privatization auctions of state

property. The Communist opposition has called for Chubais' dismissal from all posts, but Yeltsin - who fired three other officials in the scandal - has insisted on retaining the man he considers essential to Russia's reform efforts.

To try to end the crisis, the Kremlin devised a plan under which Chubais and other deputy prime ministers were to give up their ministerial portfolios but

By JORDAN LITE

keep their senior posts as deputy premiers.

In line with the decision, Yeltsin also stripped First Deputy Prime Minister Boris Nemtsov of his portfolio as fuel and energy minister on yesterday. The president appointed deputy fuel and energy minister Sergei Kiriyenko in his place.

Together, Chubais and Nemtsov have been the prime movers behind efforts to reform the Russian economy. Yeltsin also oamed Tatyana

Mitina, his campaign adviser during last summer's election, as deputy head of presidential administration. She will replace Alexander Kazakov, who was fired over the scandal. The move appeared to break the

deadlock over next year's budget, which is to be debated today by parliament's lower house, the State Duma. Earlier, the majority Communists and other hard-liners demanded Chubais' ouster, as a condition for budget passage.

They agreed to drop the linkage, but Communist leader Gennady Zyuganov left the government hanging Thursday, saying his faction would vote against the 199g budget. He said more work was oeeded on the budget given Zadomov's appointment and continuing changes in tax laws, the ITAR-Tass news agency reported.

Without Communist support, the budget is unlikely to win the votes needed for passage. The rejection of the budget, a key element of the government's economic recovery program, would be a serious blow to the Kremlin.

Zadornov, 34, accepted Yeltsin's offer and quit the liberal opposi-tion Yabloko party. His decision brought praise from some, who said Zadornov would serve as an independent-minded counterbal-ance to Chubais, and condemnations from former party colleagues.

"I think he may become a very strong minister," said the Communist Duma speaker, Gennady Seleznyov. "He is an expert in [finance] issues, which be has proven by his work as chairman of the budget affairs committee." But Yabloko leader Grigory Yavlinsky noted that "Cnubais stays in place, and so I don't see a possibility for the new finance minister to positively influence the situation in the couotry." Zadomov told reporters he would like to see the Duma and government push ahead with key measures such as tax reform, and the handling of government payments through the treasury instead of commercial banks. But he declined to provide any details of

point the family's pastor began

eading a waiting room full of

family and friends in prayer and

for us," said Hepworth, noting

how the family has been offered

everything from free diapers to a

new home. "These babies are

going to have a lot of needs and

we just stand back amazed at how

The pregnancy had long been known in the McCauhey family's

tiny hometown of Carlisle, a bed-

By RAF CASERT

Thousands of demonstrators con-

verged on Luxembourg yesterday

to prod European Union leaders to

take action to ease unemployment.

already tried to play down expecta-

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By BEVERLEE BLACK

Our problems are very different.

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The 15 government leaders have

LUXEMBOURG (AP)

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all these needs are being met."

his plans.

"I wouldn't decide to join the government if I didn't think that t can change something, although l realize that it's going to be very difficult." Zadomov said.

Yesterday's changes were not likely to end the book scandat. Although the Duma has backed down from its threat to block the budget and has little power over Yeltsin's appointments, Seleznyov said Chubais should lose all his posts.

Communists and other hard-line deputies approved a non-binding resolution Wednesday calling for Chubais' removal.

Yesterday, a meeting of hardline legislative leaders vowed to continue to fight Yeltsin.

The issue is not just Chubais, but the need to radically change the country's social and economic course," their draft statement said. according to the Interfax news agency.

Other government changes also are expected if all deputy premiers are to give up their ministerial jobs. Those potentialty affected Yakov Urinson, who also is economics minister, Anatoly Kulikov. who combines his post with that of interior minister, Oleg Sysuyev, who also is welfare minister, and Viktor Khlystun, who in turn also serves as agriculture minister.



Britain's Queen Elizabeth proceeds on a walkabout close to the gates of Downing Street yesterday, followed by Prime Minister Tony Blair.

Philip, Elizabeth retrace steps down the aisle

By EDITH M. LEDERER

married 50 years ago, Queen Elizabeth II and Prince Philip retraced their steps down the aisle yesterday for a service of thanksgiv-

quet" anended by 350 people from 100,000 who jammed the streets all walks of life, the queen thanked after the queen's wedding on after the queen's wedding on November 20, 1947, yesterday's crowd numbered in the mere thoupeople throughout the world for giving the family strength "during the sad days after Diana's death." sands.

After the royal family failed to Several thousand more lined the route from the prime minister's residence to the nearby Banqueting 'House, where the queen sat at a

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fetuses to give the others a better chance - rejoiced. DES MOINES, Iowa (AP) -"I would ask that all believers The seven little McCaugheys were across the world join us in praying reported doing well Thursday for Bobbi and for the babies that morning - astonishing doctors their health will continue and only who say the day-old septuplets' improve," the babies' grandfather, size and condition is "virtually Bob Hepworth, said.

unheard-of." The babies born The children were in serious Wednesday to Bobbi and Kenny condition yesteday - considered normal for a multiple birth - in the McCaughey - four boys and three girls - are only the second set of neonatal intensive care unit of Blank Children's Hospital. Joel septuplets ever born alive and if Steven, the last baby to arrive, was they live, would be the first ever to listed as critical for several bours "The size of the babies is wonbefore his condition was upgrad-ed. All were placed on ventilators derful. Each weighs in a normal range for babies this age, which is to aid their breathing.

Hospital officials said yesterday that their mother was resting comfortably. The focus now is oo her recovery and the babies' continued health, Mahone said.

The president must be notified of

the impeachment order and the

motion debated in Parliament for

several days, they said. If it goes ahead, this will be the first time in

Pakistan's 50-year history that an

elected Parliament has sought to

In the past week, Pakistan has

been engulfed in political turmoil.

that began with Sharif's appearance

in court on Monday to defend him-

self against contempt charges. He

was formally indicted on

Parliament tried to protect Sharif

and his co-accused by passing the

Sharif, three newspaper editors and several legislators, were charged

general elections. He also could pos-

try I am ready to do that," the English-language daily newspaper The News quoted Sharif as saying.

Meanwhile, tight security sur-

rounded yesterday's Supreme Court

hearing into the contempt charges

against Sharif, after the chief justice

Shah did not elaborate on wby he

felt his life was in danger, but in a

letter to Leghari he requested addi-

said he feared for his life.

tional security.

"I have never been to jail in my

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impeach a president.

Wednesday.

Earlier, she had said the babies "We want to make sure they outside Des Moines. But friends breathe on their own eventually, that they're eating well. We're were "so well-grown, so welland neighbors there kept the secret TIOT monitoring for bleeding into the months. brain, and also watching their Once news began trickling out, the 29-year-old seamstress and her

Iowans seek prayers after birth of septuplets

Hepworth and his wife, Peggy, also on Today, said they were still 27-year-old busband, a billing clerk at an auto dealer, found numb yesterday. Peggy Hepworth themselves the center of worlddescribed their son-in-law coming wide attention. out of the delivery room and giv-

Kenneth Robert, the firstborn, is ing a thumbs-up sign, at which Hepworth's oamesake. Doctors nicknamed him Hercules because he held his siblings in a pyramid formatioo in the womb, said "We are very grateful to the Lord for the way he has provided Mahone.

Following Kenneth Robert were Alexis May, Natalie Sue, Kelsey Ann, Brandon James, Nathanial Roy, and lastly, Joel Steven, all born about a minute apart.

Doctors could not determine whether any of the infants were ideotical.

McCaughey, who had been on a fertility drug, was in her 31st week of pregnancy, at least three weeks beyond the point doctors consider viable for fetuses. A typical pregnancy lasts 40 weeks.

The only other known septuplets

Workers and trade unions had

other ideas. Europe's biggest made union group hoped to rally 20,000

workers to the capital of Luxembourg, a rich, bucolic nation of 365,000 where labor problems

will lose confidence in European

Joblessness currently stands at

10.6 percent, or twice that of the

United States and about three times

rarely cause a stir.

that of Japan.

LONDON (AP)- In the splendor of Westminster Abbey where they

immediately acknowledge the public's response to Diana's death, the queen said there were lessons to be

miracle." The babies' deeply religious family - who had rejected suggestions to abort some of the digestive system," she said.

virtually unheard of" in a multiple

pregnancy, Dr. Paula Mahone,

who helped deliver them, said on

NBC's Today show. The babies all

did well overnight, she said.

survive.

Pakistan cabinet to impeach president

By KATHY GANNON

ISLAMABAD (AP) - Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif's cabinet decided to move a resolution in Parliament yesterday to impeach Pakistan's President Farooq Leghari, cabinet sources said.

The cabinet decision caps a week of political turnoil that has seen the prime minister indicted on contempt charges and legislation struck down by a tenacious chief justice.

The political wrangling has sent the stock market plunging and threatened a massive exodus of foreign capital out of the country.

The cabinet went into emergency meetings earlier yesterday, after Chief Justice Sajjad Ali Shah struck down an amendment to the Contempt of Court Law that would have given Sharif the right of appeal, should be be convicted of contempt.

with contempt for publicly criticiz-ing the judiciary, a crime in Pakistan. If found guilty, Sharif could be removed from power barely 10 months after his Pakistan Moslem The cabinet decided to impeach Leghari after he delayed signing the amendment, something he is required by law to do, but within 30 League won a landslide victory in days. Sharif had asked him to attach sibly face a jail term. his signature within 24 hours of life ... but in the interest of the counreceiving the amendment.

It's not clear what grounds Sharif's government can use to justify its move to impeach Leghari.

The resolution was expected to he introduced late yesterday, although t1th-bour negotiations were reportedly under way between the president, prime minister and army chief of staff.

Legal experts here say that it would take several days before a final vote to impeach the president

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Saudi Arabia. Six of them died, according to hospital officials there.

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ing octore ine biggest gainering of royalty since her coronation and hundreds of commoners symbolic of

the New Britain. As he has throughout their long and resilient marriage, the 76-yearold Duke of Edinburgh walked sev-Unions converge on eral steps behind his wife until they neared the front of the abbey, where English kings and queens have been

crowned, married or buried for 900 years. For many of those in the abbey, and those watching the live aclevision broadcast, there was a poignant moment when Prince William and Prince Harry preceded their grandparents down the aisle, accompanied by their father. Prince Charles.

Princess Diana, whose death in a Paris car crash sparked an unprece-"Without clear pledges on jobs, there is a real danger that people dented outpouring of public grief, was not forgotten in prayers at the integration," said Emilio Gabaglio, service. the secretary-general of European Trade Union Confederation.

"We particularly remember with gratitude the life of Diana, Princess of Wales," intoned The Rev. Kathleen Richardson, moderator of the Free Church Federal Council. At an afternoon "people's ban-

amed – and vesterday she to heed public opinion and adapt the monarchy for the future.

While prime ministers are judged at the ballot box, she said, it is more difficult for the royal family to read the public's message, "obscured as it can be by deference, rhetoric or the conflicting currents of public opinion."

"But read it we must," the queen said. "I have done my best, with Prince Philip's constant love and help, to interpret it correctly through the years of our marriage and of my reign as your queen. And we shall, as a family, together try to do so in the future.

The prime minister also spoke of "the terrible test" that the royal family faced after Diana's death.

'I know too, contrary to some of the hurtful things that were said at the time, how moved you were by the outpouring of grief which followed as, in the security and sanctity of your own home, you sought as a family to help the boys," Blair said. In contrast to the massive crowd outside Westminster Abbey for Diana's funeral and the more than

round lable will a lockey, a police woman and the head of the maintenance team at an auto factory. Many Britons were perhaps put off by heavy rain, which stopped shortly before the queen arrived, though it

also rained on her wedding day. For the 71-year-old queen and the duke, the Westminster Abbey service couldn't help but bring back memories of the wedding, which gave Britons hope during a period of grim austerity following World War II. In those days of rationing, even the queen had to find 300 clothing ration coupons for her silk designer dress.

Yesterday, the choir and congrega-tion sang one of the queen's favorite bymns "Praise, my soul, the King of Heaven," and an arrangement of the 23rd Psalm, "The Lord is my shepherd," both of which were part of their wedding.

The royal contingent in the church - the biggest gathering of its kind since Elizabeth's coronation in 1953 - included seven kings, 10 queens, a grand duke, 26 princes and 27 DTIDCesses

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Party threatens to leave Indian gov't

NEW DELHI (AP) - India's powerful Congress Party said yes-

minister Rajiv Gandhi.

ousted from the government.

of Congress's legislative commit-

tee, said the government would be

given "some time" to respond. He

would oot be more specific. Prime Minister I.K. Gujral's

shaky coalition government did

not immediately react. Both bous-

es of Parliament adjourned amid angry shouts after the 17-volume

report was tabled, but debate is to

the Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam,

or Dravida Progressive Froot, which has three ministers in the United Front Cabinet. The DMK

is the ruling party in southern

According to a summary of the

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reporters, the DMK supported Sri

"Why should the DMK quit?"

lawmaker and party member T.R.

we are gullty, which we are not."

Congress lawmakers debated

their position on the DMK for an

bour in the morning and emerged

determined that the coalition gov-

emment must oust the DMK.

The controversy centers around

resume today.

Tamil Nadu state.

stay in the government.

CAIRO (Reuters) - It is ome for Rashwan, an analyst at the Ahram President Hosni Mubarak's gov-Center for Strategic Studies. ernment to think of new ways to Egypt's largest militant organizatackle its Moslem militant enemies, uon, al-Gama'a al-Islamiya wbo massacred 58 foreign tourists (Islamic Group), claimed responsi-

at Luxor on Monday, analysts and bility for the attack. It has targeted tourists in the past as a way to damage Egypt's tourism industry, which brings in about \$3 billion a They said bloody police crackdowns and military trials had failed to curb violence over the past five

> Previous attacks against tourists were hit-and-run affairs. Militants behind the Luxor massacre slashed and shot their victims at close range, taking time to finish them off.

"They're pretty splintered. There are probably elements within the Gama'a that are thinking these kinds of attacks don't make them said particularly popular, and there are "When these groups splinter, it increases violence and creates a others who are saying, 'We've got

ANALYSIS

Seeking new ways to suppress terrorism

Islamic terrorists to Egypt:

Abolish ties with Israel

colleagues and was ignored by the govern-

ment, which refused to respond to what it

sees as a terrorist group funded from abroad.

Information Service, said the government

did not comment on "shadowy" statements.

said. There is a new security approach.

There is a committee entrusted with that job,

"O Mubarak, removing Alfi is not

enough," the Islamic Group statement was

headlined, referring to President Hosni

Mubarak's sacking on Tuesday of Interior

be defeated," it said. "The policy of remov-

ing ministers and reptacing them with others

cannot solve the problem of the Egyptian

"A movement that leads a people cannot

headed by the prime minister."

Minister Hassan Alfi.

Security measures will be ughtened," he

Nabil Osman, chairman of the State

By MONA ELTAHAWY

the government on the run, so let's press it," said a Western diplomat. Rashwan said be believes the massacre was the act of a desperate Gama'a splinter group cornered between a state it hates and a leadership perceived as betraying them. "It was a massacre. This reflects a change inside the Gama'a, which is going through a very tough internal conflict. Groups on the run in southern Egypt feel besieged. This was a suicide operation," Rashwan

them down by announcing a truce with a regime they consider to be infidel and besieged by the tongh security cordon around them." Imprisoned militant leaders announced a truce call in July, but it was rejected by leaders abroad. A Gama'a statemeot yesterday, in the same format as the one

Mubarak has appointed Prime Minister

Kamal Ganzouri to head a special commit-

tee to review security at Egypt's spectacular

tourist sites, which are visited by millions of

The government newspaper al-Ahram said

security measures would top the agenda at a

cabinet meeting yesterday. Extra police and troops already have been deployed at tourist

spots and security tightened at top hotels in

The Islamic Group claimed responsibility

for Monday's camage in Luxor, in which at

least six militants ran amok at Hatshepsut

temple, shonong and knifing to death 58 tourists. Four Egyptians, as well as the

A plane carrying the bodies of five slain

foreigners every year.

Cairo and elsewhere.

attackers, also were killed.

claiming the Luxor attack, offered the government a conditional cease-fire, but it is not clear whether it was from the same group that proposed an olive branch in July.

The government rejects any form of dialogue with Islamists and has so far concentrated on harsh tactics against them. Courts have sentenced 90 people to death since

spirit of martyrdom. They feel besieged by leaders they feel let militants fighung for a purist Islamic state took up arms in 1992. Analysts said Mubarak should consider allowing an outlet for moderate Islamists, such as the outlawed but influendal Moslem Brotherhood, which says it rejects violence.

German tourists left for Frankfurt yesterday,

airport sources said. Many of the other dead,

including Swiss, Japanese, British,

Colombian and Bulgarian nationals, already

The Islamic Group said the aim of the

Luxor attack had been to take tourists

hostage and trade them for the group's spir-

itual leader, Abdet-Rahman, a blind cleric

serving a life sentence in the US for conspir-

"For 10 whole years the Egyptian regime has waged a vicious war in its attempt to

uproot the Gama'a al-Islamiya from the

hearts of its people and sons. Each time the

Egyptian regime failed in this confrontation,

the result is the removal of an interior minis-

ter," an Islamic Group statement, dated

ing to blow up New York landmarks.

have been flown bome.

Wednesday, said.

"There must be a channel of expression for moderates. A brave political decision must be made on this," Rashwan said. "You can't deal with the violent Islamic movements as if they are criminal movements.

als and they haven't produced results. Putting so many people in prison just changes jails into recruiting camps and creates leaders out of those who were oothing outside."

Notes from a rusty heartstring

The British royals have been into the night. Yesterday morn-divising us all on the secrets of a ing, a small knot of loyalists advising us all on the secrets of a happy marriage.

No - there's no punch line, this is serious. Prince Philip, the duke of Edinburgh, said he could not resist the temptation to give such advice as be completed 50 years as Britain's first gentleman.

The royals may not have been over-endowed with brains, but what endurance the old stock has. The 76-year-old Philip was speak-

ing over a lord mayor's lunch this Column One week in the splendor of the London

ding anniversary, he

mumbled and fumbled, and cracked lame jokes, and

became very flustered when be lost

his place in a written

speech about his

their warmth that captivates.

tial ingredient., and you can take

it from me the queen bas had the

quality of tolerance in abun-

dance." The guests chuckled cau-

tiously as all eyes and cameras swiveled on Her Majesty. Oh

boy! We were not amused. She

sat in the splendid gold-encrusted

and red velvet-lined city throne

Gray area

People in royal life, he said,

have to accept certain constraints

and "accommodate to that gray

area of existence between the

official and what is left of private

life... It has been a challenge for

us, but I believe we have

achieved a sensible division of

labor and a good balance between our individual and joint

interests." Well, jolly good show,

Local TV stations rolled out

some "ordinary subjects" wbo

also made it together through the

50 turbulent years since 1947 -

with a lot less privilege and many

fewer flunkies to brush the pathways of tongh old life. When one

woman was asked how the mar-

riage survived, she said quite nat-

say we all.

with a face as grim as thunder.

law.

Guildhall, under the beady eve of his 97year-old mother-in-On his 50th wed-

turned out to see the arrivals at the church service.

The truth is that while everyone rightly congratulates the royal couple and wishes them well on their day of gold, everyone also knows the happy royal marriage has been a sham for decades.

Even the rottweiler British tabloid media have only occasionally brushed against the last

untold royal scandal of coldness, infidelity, the victory of duty over personal happiness. It is the last taboo - and maybe it should be. We can't have it both ways, feeding on the juice of celebrity scandal while complaining of "the meeja's" invasion of privacy. And yet, the dishonesty grates on the nerves. It may be the

wife. Never mind the brains - it's lubricant of social interaction, but British (and American) television Enough of holding your breath newscasters who would rip the for that royal advice. The secret throats out of the Clintons without blinking are slurping away over the golden honey of the of marriage is tolerance, the duke said. "Tolerance is the one essen-

royal anniversary.

Thomas O'Dwyer

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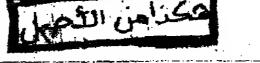
When dashing youog Philip married shy young Elizabeth in 1947, only little slivers of the last great empire bad been shed, Mandates over Iraq and Transjordan had been given up. But the Suez Canal Zone was under British occupation and the Kiog of Libya was a British client. Elizabeth's father, George VI, ruled more of the earth than his great-grandmother Victoria had ever done. The "Hong Kong problem" was still 50 years away,

in 1997. Since the royal wedding, the empire has been going, going, going, gone. But the lives of the queen and the duke and Prince Charles remain woven into the fabric of the unwritten British constitution in a way few other countries can understand. Even in an era of tellit-all-the-way-it-is, the British media and people understand that this fabric of state is old and fragile and further ripping should be attempted with caution.

So who cares if the queen and duke have barely beeo able to exchange a common courtesy for

"Nobody agrees with military tri-

INTERNATIONAL



The Jerusalem Post Friday, November 21, 1997

By ALISTAIR LYON

CAIRO (Reuters) - Egypt's biggest Islamic militant group offered a conditional

truce yesterday, several days after killing 58

a while if the Egyptian regime acts likewise and stops its unjust campaigns against the

sons of the Gama'a, releases its prisoners, returns Sheikh Omar Abdel-Rahman to his

homeland ... and cuts relations with the

Zionist enulty," it said in a statement sent to

It was not clear if the statement had come

from abroad or from inside Egypt. A truce

call issued by six jailed Islamic Group lead-

ers in July was rejected by six of their exiled

The at-Gama'a al-Istamiya [tstamic Group] could halt its military operations for

tourists in Luxor.

international media.

diplomats said.

The iron-fist policy would be

equally ineffective eveo if, as many

analysts believe, the largest armed

Islamic group is in the process of

fragmenting into more dangerous

"The Luxor operation represents

a very important turn in the devel-

opment of what is called Islamic

violence in Egypt, and I fear this

change will continue," said Diaa

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Lankan Tamil separatists accused in the killing of Gandhi, who was head of the Congress Party at the time of his death. The DMK has denied the charge, and vowed to Balu said. "If we quit, that means 100 Mar 11

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"No compromise. The DMK has to go. That's a must," Nayak told reporters after the meeting, and the second sec which preceded the Parliament session. In the assassination report, the £

investigating judge said the DMK continued to support Tamil rebels even after the Indian army moved in to try to help Sri Lankan troops crush the guerrillas in 1987. The rebels are fighting for creation of a homeland for the Tamils, a minority in Sri Lanka.

The 55 million Tamils of Tamil Nadu state - where the DMK bolds power - bave linguistic, cultural, and family ties with the three million Tamils of Sri Lanka. Both trace their ancestry to the Dravidian peoples believed to be among the first to settle in India.



Blocking progress

By STEPHEN BROWN

the 1994 bomb attack on a Jewish

inspector suspected of being paid

\$2.5 million for providing support

Klodczyk was fired as commis-

sioner in 1996 after four of his

men were arrested and charged

with providing the vehicle used in

the car-bomb attack on the AMIA

Now police have discovered that

the family of one of those men,

former Inspector Juan Jose

Ribelli, received a "windfall" of

\$2.5m. a week before the attack.

"I can't find any explanation for

that. It stunned us all," Klodczyk

He denied media reports that

Ribelli, who eojoyed rapid promo-

tions and many decorations under

Klodczyk's command, was his

"partner" in the used-car dealer-

ships that Ribelli ran in his spare

"If I had found out he committed

He called Ribelli a "delinquent"

any crime, I would have taken

action," Klodczyk said.

told reporters before the hearing.

that killed 86 people.

for the attack.

Jewish center.

time.

Hundreds of dairy farmers block railroad tracks in northern Italy yesterday to protest multi-million-dollar EU fines. Italian milk producers have been assessed about \$215 million in fines by the EU for exceeding national ceilings on milk production. (AP)

At Argentine-bombing hearing

Ex-police chief denies knowledge of officer's involvement

but said he would "assume responsibility" for the failings of the BUENOS AIRES (Reuters) - A 47,000-member force he once former Argentine police chief yesheaded, which has a fearsome repterday denied knowledge of a top utation for corruption and vioofficer's alleged involvement in lence.

The congressional committee wants to ascertain how deeply community center in Buenos Aires involved in the AMLA bombing Ribelli was. It recently made pub-Pedro Klodczyk, former head of lic new evidence that Ribelli's Argentina's largest force, the father, a railway pensioner in his Buenos Aires Province police, was 90s, shared \$2.5m, among his five summoned to a hearing in Congress to testify about an children.

The committee also says that after the attack Ribelli, using an alias, checked into a hotel which was being used by a team of Israeli investigators. It is looking into reports that Ribelli had travelled to Libya before the attack. Argentine Jews and Israel have blamed Iran-backed Moslem extremists for the AMIA attack and the 1992 bombing of the

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Israeli Embassy in Buenos Aires, which killed 29 people. Not a single person is now being held for thai attack.

declaring his innocence and saying those responsible for the bomb

lawyer Gonzalo Oliver Tezanos said yesterday his client had "never been to Libya" and the \$2.5m. came from his father's "hard work, salary and business dealings."

Gov. Eduardo Duhalde said. Ribelli's unexplained fortune "raises expectations."

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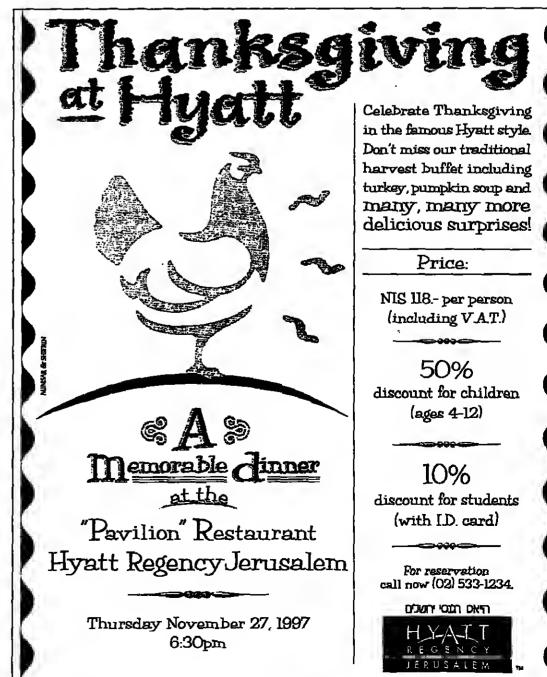
urally, "because he loves me." So that's the word that was missing in the ducal speech. Now wby did it sound more convincing than "balance of joint interests?" The only time the stiff old duke seemed to strike some muffled note on a rusty heartstring was when he talked of their first five years "as an almost ordinary married couple." A career in the navy, living in Malta, attractive young wife, first child - a distant gleam flickered in Edinburgh's eye, and died. Those were the days, up to 1952. In 1953 he became Mr. Queen. Silence is golden

After the "Diana events" of

in the mood for royal carriage

decades? They have maintained public decorum and done their national duty, while the only little world they understand - of big bouses, borses, funny foreign subjects, and whiny nasal accents has crumbled all around them. They may not be Darby and Joan, the archetypal devoted British couple of bygone days who meet as youngsters and part only in death. But Elizabeth and Philip have stayed married for 50 years at great personal cost. Any marriage that lasts 50 years deserves a party. A royal marriage that goes that distance in this half of the century deserves at least an awed whisper of "Congratulations!"

September, the country still is not Column One also appears on processions and wild celebrations Tuesday and Wednesday.



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Government by crisis

rime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu is running out of excuses, silver linings, and explanations. His proposal to poll the Likud Party membership on whether to restore the just-cancelled primaries amounts to a 180degree reversal. The only possible defense of the whole episode is that of the legendary New York mayor Fiorello La Guardia, who once declared, "When I make a mistake, it's a beaut!"

Could it be that Netanyahu, the master politician, did not realize that if the Likud stripped its 200,000 members of the power to choose their Knesset candidates, the party would shrink like a punctured balloon to its pre-primaries state? Perhaps Netanyahu did not initiate the stampede in the Likud central committee that trampled the primary system to dust, but as party leader be had the ability and responsibility to steer the stampede away from the cliff.

He could have endorsed a compromise worked out by ministers Michael Eitan and Tzahi Hanegbi during the convention. Or he could have bucked the issue to the membership, as he did yesterday.

Instead he was left. like in the Mashaal fiasco, ordering an execution by poison and, days later, providing the antidote. The problem is, of course, that botched decisions are not completely reversible. Just as the Mashaal Affair had a negative diplomatic ripple effect that can be patched but not erased, the on-again off-again primaries episode has added to the ranks of those who have lost confidence in Netanyahu's ability to govern.

As with the Bar-On Affair and the Mashaal fiasco, Netanyahu has succeeded in defusing the immediate crisis by appointing a committee and promising to learn lessons. The problem is, of course, with each crisis more of the cabinet, the Knesset, and the people come to believe that Netanyahu is dooming the nation to government by damage control. Each crisis is weathered, in that the government survives, but the effect is cumulative and the sense of downward spiral is accentuated.

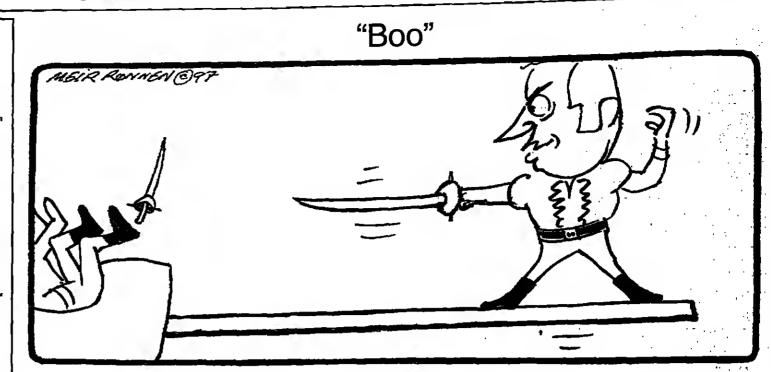
dard in Israeli governments. There is no precedent, however, for minister after minister to come out against their leader on matters of personal integrity.

First Ze'ev Begin, then Dan Meridor, and now Limor Livnat seems to have come to the conclusion that Netanyahu cannot be trusted to lead the party or the nation. Though Begin and Livnat have been to the right of Netanyahu on the peace process, only a small part of their alienation - and almost none of Meridor's - can be explained by policy differences. Rather, it is as if Netanyahu has been preparing to write his own book, How to Lose Friends and Alienate People. Begio and Meridor were never Netanyahu allies, but Livnat and Science Minister Michael Eitan were, and could have been expected to remain not only loyal Netanyahu lieutenants but strong supporters. Instead, disappointment with Netanyahu stretches across the government, including ministers who believe that in policy terms he is on the right track.

But if policies are not the problem, then what is it about Netanyahu's personality that seems to run through bonds of confidence and loyalty like a bulldozer? One need not go any further than this latest blunder for an illustration of the two key elemeots: trying to play both sides of an issue and an insatiable appetite for power. Before and during the Likud convention, Netanyahu alternatively led different players to believe that he was neutral, for, and against the activists' bid to cancel the primaries. In the end, he was properly held responsible for the results, which were taken as a bid to eliminate the possibility of unseating him in internal elections and rendering his ministers more obedient by stripping away their constituency base.

The only thing Netanyahu forgot is that his job is not to take over his own party; his job is to govern. The sinking suspicion that this episode has spread is that Netanyahu is not capable of switching from power-accumulation mode to governing mode.

While his ministers were busy revolting back home this week. Netanyahu joked with Arnold Schwarzenegger in Los Angeles about acting like him when he got back. The question is



Unfinished business

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t 8 p.m. on Wednesday. February 27, 1991, president George Bush precipitously announced a unilateral cease-fire in the fighting in Iraq.

Operation Desert Storm involved a buildup of armed forces in the area that had taken five months to organize and involved 500,000 ground troops and the most powerful air and sea armada the world had ever seen.

For almost five weeks, the allied forces, under American leadership. had been hitting Iraqi largets from the air, using the latest in American technology. Only then was the order given to Gen. Norman Schwartzkopf's ground forces to advance into Iragi territory. Now, after four days of allied advances that had essentially been a walkover, the president had given the order to halt the advance. Within weeks, the allied forces

withdrew to their home bases and Iraqi dictator Saddam Hussein was home safe from the crisis he had initiated with the takeover of Kuwait, Bush had made a major mistake that was to haunt the world in the years to come.

By now Bush, as well as the other allied leaders at the time, have been replaced, but Saddam is still in Baghdad, endangening the world with his attempts to hide his program for the acquisition of weapons of mass destruction from the UN inspection teams.

Saddam had been misled hy signs of support that had come from Washington during his illfated aggression against tran. The he waited for six months before tion of the damage inflicted on

supply of US intelligence data, generous US loan guarantees, sales of advanced military equipment by France and Britain, and extensive to counter his move, industrial and technological assistance for his nuclear and ballistic missile program by Western European countries had inspired him with confidence that an annexation of Kuwait would not result in an active response from the US or the other NATO powers.

Saddam's plans were, turned out to be far from adequate. The period leading up to the Gulf crisis was replete with inaccurate If he had any lingering doubts, appraisals in Washington of Iraqi

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Say no to Mubarak's advice

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sions.

they were put to rest by the misintentions and capabilities. leading messages transmitted to him by the US ambassador to Baghdad, April Gluspie. After the IAF, in June 1981, had

destroyed the nuclear reactor sold to Iraq by France. and thus aborted Saddam's nuclear weapons program, he launched a vast scheme for the production of weapons-grade enriched uranium in facilities dispersed throughout Iraq. We now know that at the was grossly overestimated. time of the outbreak of hostilities, he was six months away from obtaining nuclear capability. Had on a greatly exaggerated evalua-

the elite Republican Guard. In effect, Saddam was left able to continue to rule and cause further launching his aggression against trouble for the world. Kuwait, it would have been far Since then, over six years of more difficult, if not impossible,

work by UN inspection teams have succeeded in uncovering WESTERN capability to obtain considerable Iraqi non-convenaccurate intelligence on what was tional weapons activity. But it has turned out to be a most difficult going on in Iraq, or what task, especially given Iraqi obstruction and duplicity. It is clear that much still remains uncovered.

Iraqi ground forces, specifically

It is just at this point that Saddam decided to challenge the UN inspection teams by ordering the expulsion of their American members. He is probably counting on the fact that defense budget cuts since Operation Desert Storm have left the US with a considerably reduced military capability, and that President Bill Clinton will not show the same determination as Bush did.

It should be clear that submis-US military aircraft were unable sion to his demands will put an to deal effectively with the Scud end to any expectation that a stop threat. Similarly, the expectation can be put to his development of that the Patriot anti-aircraft misoon-cooventional weapons. Saddam Hussein armed with nonsile would be able to intercept the Scuds in flight turned out to be conventional weapons - whether groundless. The damage inflicted nuclear, chemical, or biological on the Iraqi facilities for the prowill constitute an immense danger duction of non-conventional to the world. This is the challenge weapons and ballistic missiles. as now facing Clinton. The unfinwell as on the inventory of these ished business left behind by weapons by aerial bombardment, George Bush must now be finished. Finally, the cease-fire was based

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iog new about griping and infighting within the whether the Netanyahu administration is more ruling party or coalition - such behavior is stan- akin to another Hollywood production, Titanic.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

THE CONVERSION ISSUE

Sir. - In light of your paper's recent investigative series on the issue of conversion, "Absorbing the non-Jews," 1 would like to share a few thoughts with your readers.

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While the question of conversion to Judaism is often discussed in abstract terms, I do not have the luxury of such detachment. In addition to being the minister of absorption, I am also beholden to the constituents of my party. Yisrael Ba'Aliya, the vast majority of whom are recent imnligrants from the former Soviet Union. For many of them the question of conversion is not a theoretical one, but a practical problem that affects their ability to integrate successfully into the Israeli mainstream.

My party and I understood from the beginning that the integration of non-Jewish immigrants into Israeli society requires reform of the conversion process. Like with other religious issues, we faced a fundamental choice.

We could either confront the religious establishment head on and demand a wholesale overhaul of the existing institutional structure or adopt a cooperative Jewish cemeteries, or other reliapproach and work with them at gious issues, or whether the Jerusalem.

finding ways to make the existing framework more efficient and responsive. My party chose the latter course and has seeo firsthand the wisdom of our decision.

What troubles me most about the reporting on the cooversion issue is the seeming lack of appreciation for what has been accomplished thus far. By working with the religious authorities, we bave enhanced the conversion process and made it more responsive to immigrant needs. We have done so by increasing both the number of conversion courts under the Conversion Authority and the number of recognized conversion classes, including many that will be taught in

Russian. Unfortunately, institutional reform does not always solve problems overnight. In addition to overcoming a culture of resistance to conversion, there will surely be elements within the religious bureaucracy that will seek to stymie the progress we have made. Yet thanks to our joint efforts with the Chief Rabbinate, those who oppose us, whether it be on the issue of conversion, burial of oon-Jews in

source of opposition comes from the extreme Left or the extreme Right, will be in clear violation of Israeli law. As those familiar with the

American civil rights movement can attest, de jure institutional changes often have de facto results over time.

YULI EDELSTEIN Minister of Immigration and Absorption. Jerusalem.

BASELESS CRITICISM

Sir,- In Avinoam Bar-Yosef's analysis, "Dagan's urgent US mission," (Nov. 20), unidentified sources in Jerusalem criticize the ambassador to Washington and bis political attache.

Those who are authorized to evaluate the work of the ambassador and the attache have found no fault with their activities. Both acted properly and there is therefore no basis for the assertions to the article.

AVIV SHIRON Foreign Ministry Spokesman

FROM OUR ARCHIVES

60 years ago: On November 21, 1937, The Palestine Post reported on a oumber of military encounters with Arab bands near Acre and Beersheha.

Collective fines were imposed on the village of Silwan to cover the cost of supernumerary constables stationed there after the murder of two British soldiers.

50 years ago: On November 21, 1947. The Palestine Post reported that the British Government would not allow any dual authority in Palestine during the transitional period as was recommended by the Sub-Committee of the General Assembly's Ad-Hoc Committee on Palestine. The British statement was something of a minor bombshell at the committee because it upset many important points in their carefully

prepared implementation report. The committee adjourned as the British statement was "fraught with grave consequences."

injured when an Egged bus was ambushed near Abu Kabir. Arab sources reported that the ambush was a reprisal for the killing of four Arabs near Ra'anana by the Stern group. These Arabs were

accused by the Stern Group of having led the authorities to their Ra'anana training base where five youths were killed by Britisb forces a week earlier.

A Gallup Poll revealed that 65 per cent of the American votes favored Partition, 10 per cent opposed it, and 25 per cent held

no opinion. A 26-year-old blonde, Betty Kermann, who came on an immigration certificate to Palestine

was recognized as a former SS commandant at the Zittau Nazi concentration camp. She arrived bere on a Polish passport in the Two Jews were hurt and seven name of Betty Kermann, a Jewish girl who had been murdered in

25 years ago: On November 21.

1972, The Jerusalem Post reported that feelings ran high in ultra-Orthodox communities over Rabbi Goren's ruling in the Langer mamzerim case. President Sadat had sent per-

sonal messages to 35 heads of state alerting them to the dangers Middle Essisti

In New York the Anti-Defamation League reported a marked increase "in the scope of American anti-Jewisb activities." Alexander Zvielli

In its lead article on November 19, headlined "Triple Entente." The Times of London wrote, Like it or not, and the Foreign Office does not like it much, the United States, Britain, and Israel are allies in the struggle to contain Saddam Hussein. All the evidence is that they are virtually alone."

And in The New York Times, an anonymous member of the State Department was quoted as reporting that "the Arabs are furious at the Americans' 'double standard' in starving the Iraqis to punish Saddam Hussein, while not doing enough to compel Israel to honor its commitments to the Palestinians."

Foreign Office staff in Washington and London are not overjoyed by the triple entente between Washington, London, and Jerusalem. They would like to extend the coalition and, if necessary, they would be willing to appease Saudi Arabia, Bahrain, and other Arab states at Israel's expense. But they have had no chance to do **SO**.

Even Madeleine Albright's criticism of Israel at the Doha conference did not make Saudi Arabia and Bahrain reconsider their refusal to join the effort to block Saddam. This is because the Arab states' reluctance to join the anti-Saddam coalition is not connected to withdrawal from territories in Judea and Samaria, nor to Har Homa, but stems from inter-Arab considerations.

President George Bush, head of the great Desert Storm coalition in 1991, claimed in an interview with the BBC this week that Egypt and Syria would have dropped out of the coalition if the allied forces had carried on the pursuit of Saddam

POSTSCRIPTS

YOU CAN'T be cool in America if yoo're using outdated lingo. Here's the latest from the corporate and Silicon Valley jungles:

Batmobiling - putting up entotional shields, from the retracting armor that covers the batmobile, as in "she started talking marriage and he started baunobiling.

Beepilepsy - afflicts those with vibrating pogers characterized by sudden spasms, goofy facial expres-sions and loss of speech.

Betamaxed - when a technology is overtaken in the market by inferior but better marketed competition as in "Microsoft betamaxed Apple right out of the market." Blowing your buffer - losing your

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site that never changes. Elvis year - the peak year of pop-ularity, as in "1993 was Barney the dinosaur's elvis year." Generica - fust food joints, strip malls, sub-divisions, as in "we were

so lost in generica that I couldn't remember what city it was." Going postal - totally stressed out and losing it, like postal employees who went on shooting rampages,

Irritainment - annoying, but you can't stop watching; i.e. the O.J. Simpson trial.

Meanspace - the physical world (us upposed to the virtual); also "carbon community" and "facetime." Percussive maintenance - the fine

train of thought, Cohweb-a WWW art of whacking a device to get it working.

Prairie dogging - in companies where everyone has a cubicle something happens and everyone pops up to look.

Salmon day - swimming upstream all day to get screwed in the end. Siliwood - the coming convergence of movies, interactive TV and

computers: also "hollywired." Square headed girlfriend/ boyfriend - computer. Treeware - manuals and docu-

mentation. Umfriend - sexual relationship, as

"this is Dale, my ... um ... friend." World Wide Wait - WWW Yuppie food coupons - \$20 bills

from an ATM. CINCINNATI woman

A described by police as an Internet addict was placed on two years

probation for neglecting ber three small children while spending several hours a day on her home computer.

Sandra Hacker, 24, kept her three children in deplorably filthy conditions in a separate room of her apartment, while devoting her time to the Internet.

The children, ages 2, 3, and 5, have been in the custody of her estranged husband since she was arrested on the neglect charges earlier this year.

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inclined to make concessions to Russia on its supremacy in the region.

Netanyahu didn't publicize the con-tents of the letter he received from Clinton about the Iraq crisis. But the partial release of his promise that the US will protect Israel in the event of an Iraqi attack is unsatisfactory. A promise from the president to allow and assist Israel to defend itself would have been preferable.

son why Israel clarified its stand behind the US in the current crisis. israel was not tempted to search for dialogue with Iraq now. Such a search could damage our relations with the Congress, whose help we need.

advice that we stay aloof could not be accepted. We don't share the Egyptian's penchant for sitting on the fence. We haven't forgotten the lesson of the previous Egyptian mediation between us and Saddam.

the US gives us the right to demand from the US not to pay in Israeli currency for its attempt to draw the Arab states to its side.

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tation for the five permanent mem-bers of the UN Security Council among the observers is intended to do away with US supremacy in the Middle East. Russia, France, and China are sure to support it. even though they aren't calling for equal participation of the five permanent members in funding the UN budget.

The meeting of the foreign minis-ters of the US, Russia, Britain, France, and China in Geneva on Wednesday was interpreted in Arab capitals as meaning that America is

The Arab countries pressured for an end to the war in 1991, without any connection with Israel. And now they will refuse to join the coalition even if the US tries to

bribe them with anti-Israel deci-Look at the facts: At Doha, the Americans supported the "land for peace" formula, while at the Madrid Conference president Bush talked

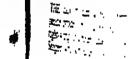
about "territorial compromise." The Clinton's promise was not the rea-Americans didn't mention land for peace at all then, because that was the condition prime minister Yitzhak Shamir had set for Israel's

For the same reason, Egypt's Three months before the Iraqi

invasion of Kuwait, President Hosni Mubarak mediated between Saddam and Shamir. Mubarak even achieved a mutual undertaking from both of them not to start a war against the other, in spite of Saddam's earlier threat to set half of Israel on fire. The Scuds showed what Saddam's promise is worth. Israel's unambiguous stand beside

Arabs have done nothing to bring a solution to the present crisis. On the contrary, they only whet Saddam's appetite to present the US with

Prime Minister Binyamin



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and entered Baghdad. And he is France and Russia would have

left the coalition too, without any "Israeli excuse." The Oslo Accords didn't exist then, and Saddam Hussein and Yevgeny Primakov's joint suggestion to Bush of a compromise in the form of a quid proguo-Iragi withdrawal from Kuwait in exchange for a promise of Israeli withdrawal from the territories -

had been rejected out of hand. Primakov has not been losing any sleep over America's difficulties in mediation between Israel and the Palestinians. But his renewed participation. involvement in the American-Iraqi

These American gestures to the Israel has to state clearly its view on the present lrag crisis

dispute stems fmm Russia's economic interests in Iraq. Moscow is interested in the removal of sanctions so that Saddam can pay off the huge debi that he owes it for all the arms that it sold him. Above all. Yeltsin and Primakov are trying to use their suggested compromise as a means to realize the old Russian dream of partnership in influence in the Middle East.

These considerations have nothing to do with Israel. THE same goes for the Arab countries. Although their representatives in talks with the American administration bring up the Israeli excuse for not participating in the coalition. this is no more than a pretext.

more conditions. Iraq's demand of equal represen-

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Security remains the key

GERALD M. STEINBERG

ighteen months after be was elected, Binyamin Netanyahu has lost his electoral base and the support of many of those who voted for him. In the Likud, the search is on for candidates 10 replace him, and in the Labor Party, Enud Barak is viewed as the prime minister-in-waiting. In foreign capi-tals from Washington to Cairo, expectations of a change in the Israeli leadership are also increasing. To put it mildly, Netanyahu and his policies have not succeeded in ing much support from the for-

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cipal aide during the Osio process, recalled that Rabin "relied on the promises of [Yasser] Arafat and the PLO that they would do everything in their power to fight against ter-rorism..." The failure of Oslo was the responsibility of Arafat and the PLO, and began long before Netanyahu was elected. Even Singer, an architect of the process, admitted that "after the

Oslo Agreement was signed, from the very first moment, Arafat decided not to fight against terrorism, in violation of the spirit and the letter

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eign ministries and heads of government in any of these countries, and most will be happy to see him go. However, it would be a major mistake to conclude that even if this scenario is played out, and Barak or someone else is elected prime minister-and there are many major obstacles to this process - Israeli security policy would suddenly change. A change in leadership will not lead to an about-face, to a further expansion of the territory under Palestinian control, the independent operation of an airport in Gaza, or the opening of the special land corridor.

Whether led by Barak or one of the Likud candidates, a post-Netanyahu government will not mark a return to the hopeful naiveté of 1993, the early days of the peace process, and blind faith in a "New Middle East." The basic factors that led to defeat of Shimon Peres and the Labor/Meretz coalition have not changed; in fact their impact has increased. Netanyahu's personality and per-

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formance may have been an overall failure, but the fears that led to his victory are more potent than ever. For the vast majority of Israelis, insecurity and terrorism remain the primary concerns. The waves of suicide bombings, the Palestinian Authority's revolving-door policy for Hamas terrorists, and Arafat's "green light" for terror have fundamentally altered the opinions of many of those who originally supported Yitzhak Rabin's decision to take risks for peace. After the euphoria of Oslo, the terrible toll of violence and hatred continued, and few of us remain untouched by the terrorism. Netanyahu was elected to correct the imbalance in the process, and if he loses the next election, his replacement will be expected to do the same.

promises to Rabin and Peres... The whole Oslo Agreement was based on Arafat's commitment to fight terrorism, but he decided oot to cooperate." And, as Singer emphasized, as a result, "public support in Israel for the Oslo Agreement... dropped down dramatically; the Israeli citizens simply did not agree to become the victims of terrorist attacks." If Rabin were still alive, he would have reached the same conclusions. Barak's own views, like those of the majority of Israelis, are closer to Rabin's and Singer's than to the more idealistic dreams of Peres and

of the agreement, as well as clear

Sbe complained that her Orthodox Yossi Beilin. If he becomes prime minister, Barak, like Netanyahu, will demand that the Palestinians fully honor high school had not adequately prepared her for "the coed dormitories, vociferous homosexuals, their commitments before further countless body piercings, and raiobow-colored hair" sbe had Israeli redeployments or steps that would permit a Palestinian state. witnessed on a visit. At the time, I thought to myself that the problem lay not with her Furthermore, Barak or any other post-Netanyahu leader may head a school, but with her parents for sending ber to Yale. (More than minority government, in which the Knesset will continue to be con-20 years ago, the dean of one of trolled by a coalition of the Likud, the religious parties, and other the Yale residential colleges members of the current coalition. advised Orthodox parents against Such split-ticket voting is very likesending their daughters to Yale.) ly, precisely because of the fears of And indeed, the young woman herself seems to bave had second many voters regarding Labor Party's recent record on security thoughts. Upon arriving at Yale, issues. Thus, even if Barak would be she joioed four other students seeking to be excused from the willing to take major risks, the cabiresidency requirement for freshnet and Knesset would block him. men and sophomores on the The Palestinians will oot gain grounds that life in Yale dorms is anything by waiting for developments in Israeli politics and the posinconsistent with the code of conduct required of Orthodox Jews. sible replacement of Netanyahu before they honor their commitments under Oslo. The longer accompanied by a great deal of Arafat and his advisers wait to start high-minded nonseose. Against the long overdue war on terror, the the studeots religious beliefs, the more difficult it will be to convince dean of the college buffed that Israelis that they are serious and that Yale too has "its values and beliefs," and one of those is the peace means more than continued terror and insecurity. inviolability of the residential col-

THE lack of faith in the current The writer directs the Arms Control



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kashrut. But the modern liberal, for whom everything is a matter of lifestyles - all equally deserv-ing of toleration - cannot really believe that living in the Yale dorms involves specific religious prohibitions. The Talmud teaches, bowever, that it is forbidden to watch animals mating lest one's

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fantasies be aroused. Certainly finding oneself a "sexile" on the living room couch, while one's roommate claims the bedroom, is, far more suggestive.

YALE insists that these students live with roommates who are free elassroom and in the dining to pursue any sexual practices they wish. Yale flatly rejected the Five's suggestion that they be placed with other students who have voluntarily committed to refraining from sex in the dorms. in oon-kosher dining halls, and if That such an arrangement would

more open to diversity than Yale. Avuncular, winking Yale is not being oeutral; it is weighing in oo the side of promiscuity. Students who are not "booking-up" receive countless messages that they are ont of it. Indeed, if Yale's real goal were the promotion of diversity, it would allow the Five to live off-campus and thereby convey a powerful mes-sage that there are those who stand absolutely apart from the prevailing sexual morality. Much of what passes for diversity in the elite universities today is its Orwellian opposite - a form

Mormons suggests that they are

chilling piece in Commentary, "A Ladies Room of One's Own," Williams' studeot Wendy Wasserstein details the New Canoo. Anyone who mentions the biblical prohibition against bomosexnality can expect to receive a letter from the administration warning

him against homophobia; but the gay society can deface a Jewish center with graffiti denouncing "Moses and his bomophobic laws." Conservative students who become the focus of campus-wide harassment will be told by the dean that they'll have to deal with, radical feminists in the real world too. But those accused of bomophobia, racism, or sexism will feel

Gulag or Red Guard reeducation. A young woman who cannot make peace with sharing a toilet and shower with strange males will find herself surrounded by peers encouraging her to "become comfortable with her body." Further resistance may result in a friendly dorm adviser suggesting the college counselling service, the better to learn to think proper

Yale's dirty little secret in this case is that the Five would have fared much better if Yale's president, dean of students, and the counsel handling the case wereo't Jewish. They have reacted with the borror of the assimilated suburbanites in Philip Roth's "Eli the Fanatic" to the appearance of a hassid in town.

When the dean asked the students - all children of successful professionals and worldly enough to get into Yale - "How do you expect Orthodox Jews to integrate into the real world?" she was really expressing her own fear that the presence of these fanatics might cause others to see her too as foreign, despite all the polish.

For a quarter century, Jews have marched in the vanguard of every movement for sexual liberation. We owe a debt of gratitude to the Yale Five for making elear the true Jewish teachings on sexual ethics.

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of thought control. In a truly

peace process goes far beyond the Project at the Begin-Sadat Center right-wing. In a recent analysis, Joel for Strategic Studies. Bar-llan oal verity. Two of the Yale Five Singer, who served as Rabin's prin- University. are local residents. Four of their

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Yale's denial of that request was

wo years ago, an Orthodox magazine published an arti-

L cle by a young woman preparing to enter Yale University.

you don't like it, you can go elsewhere." In fact, Yale generously subsidizes the kosher kitchen.

older siblings attended Yale while living at home, one of them com-mencing her studies after the rule

Thirty years ago, when the par-

ents of these students went to college, a woman in a man's room

with the door closed was grounds

for expulsion. Today, Yale posts

signs telling students where con-

doms are dispensed and instructs

incoming freshmen in the eti-

quette of getting rid of your room-

mate when you wish to entertain visitors of the opposite sex.

Once, Yale acted in loco paren-

tis. Today it boasts of baving no

parietal rules, and deems subject-

ing students to a totally unsuper-

vised environment an indispens-

Crucial as living in the dorms is

for the "Yale experience," howev-

er, the parents of the Five were

told that if they would just fork over the \$7,000 dorm fee, their

children could live wherever they

exposure to those from diverse

backgrounds. Yet those encoun-

ters are far likelier to occur in the

rooms, where students may sit

around for hours, than in the bed-

rooms. But Yale does not tell

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OPINION

place these Orthodox Jews the full disciplinary wrath of the together with religious Catholics, college and be sent for sensitivity The writer is a Jarusalem Post Everybody knows about fundamentalist Christians, and training - our version of the cohomnist.

RIENZI - Candielight dining in an elegant decor. Fresh fish and homemade

pasta. Kosher-Dairy, Business lunch from NIS 35. 10 King David St. (across

Open-market politics

FT bis is the new age of openmarket politics. It is the result of the decline of loyalty to party labels, and the growing potency of personality. Parties and leaders are up for grabs.

Parties become the object of takeovers and spin-offs. Except for the formalities, the party has lost its primacy, if not its rele-vance. For example, Yaakov Neeman has been proposed to replace Binyamin Netanyahu as prime minister precisely because be has no party base, not in spite of it.

The political leader promises to be the eotrepreneur who can catalyze floating blocks in the political marketplace into a winning coalition. The direct election of the prime minister was instituted in part because of a recognitioo of the growiog importance of the personal factor. However, it was based on Israel's traditional guild model of politics. It was predicated on the assumption that the prime mioister would be elevated through his party to a position of leadership.

But this is oo longer the case. The prime minister might have oo party at all, like Neeman. He might be a faction leader, capable of making deals with other ceoters of power in the fractured political arena.

Haim Ramon proved this in his successful bid for the top job in the Histadrut in 1994. Ramon was opposed by the Labor Party leadership. His organizational support was nil. In the open political market, he projected the right image in the media and made the right deals - with Meretz and Sbas - and he won.

There are additional burdles, h of course, wheo it comes to unseating Netanyahu. The direct puelection law's numerical barriers "T-a majority of MKs for a vote of Indo-confidence in the prime min-Decter, requiring geoeral elections, by N for special elections for prime ly hnister, oot for the Knessei -Dem serious. But they are oot leadiurmountable. Rabin open-market politics, every- . The has a price. The price of

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votes to unseat the prime minister is influenced by the rules of the direct election law. However, the paramount influence is the law of supply and demand. The major barrier is the majority required for the vote of ooconfidence. If this is overcome,

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then the price of the votes needed to reach the magic number of 80, required for elections only for the prime minister, declines precipitously. The major deterreot to a oo-confidence vote is the dissolution of the Knesset. Eliminate the deterrent, and the supply side of the Knesset vote market changes radically.

THE other market forces that have to be taken into accouot are the Labor contender. Ebud Barak, and the incumbent prime minister, Binyamin Netanyahu. Barak, of course, wants elections, the sooner the better. If there are special elections for the prime minister, Labor would probably be prepared to agree in advance that the winner would form a national unity government. This would provide coali-tion partners with job insurance. eliminating the risks of the electoral market.

Netanyahu's position might be the political surprise of the year. He might opt for immediate elections as well, particularly if they are inevitable in any case. Netanyahu craves popularity. He wants to stand before the nation, as he stood before the Likud convention - bands on

hips, lower lip protruding, eyes focused inward, as the crowd sings and shouls its approval. He needs a relevand popular voic of The writer is a legal and pointconfreence.

If the party is not hijacked from uoder bim, he should have oo trouble winning in new Likud primaries. When it comes to voting for the prime minister in party primaries, a candidate needs the vote contractors. For the most part, they are members of the party's ceotral committee. They did the job for him the first time. For a price, they will do it again.

As for the geoeral public, there probably basn't been a major shift in basic attitudes. A Netanyahu-Barak contest would, in all likelihood, bang on the decisioo of the religious camp, subject in large part to the direc-tions of the rabbinical leaders. Here, there is a serious question mark when it comes to Shas and the intentions of its rabbinical mentor, Ovadia Yosef.

In dealing with Shas and other imponderables. Netanyahu bas the great advantage of being able to make things bappen while the campaign is under way. He might make a dramatic move toward peace. He might bring the conversion issue to a head, forcing Labor to take a stand.

If there are new elections for prime minister, and Netanyahu wins. the night of the loog knives will follow. He will settle scores within the Likud, and seize the unfettered control he craves. If he loses, he will be the man from nowbere, going home. When David Ben-Gurion ended his political career, his choice of the Negev kibbutz of Sde Boker was foreordained. Menachem Begin's initial choice was a mosbav in Sinai. After the peace with Egypt, this optico was closed. Begin ended his days in Jerusalem.

Where will Netanyahu go, once bis days as prime minister are at an eod? No one will be surprised if be returns to America. He will treat the general public the way he treats bis colleagues in the Likud. If they don't want him, he won't want anything 10 do with them, either.

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By DAVID HARRIS

Britisb-based Cable and Wireless will double its interest in Bezeq to 20 percent by the end of November, a source close to Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu told The Jerusalem Past last night. "The deal will be completed within the

next few days in all probability before the end of November," said the source. The news comes after months of negotiations which failed to produce agreement despite pressure for the sale from C&W. Cable's Israeli representative even threatened the possible sale of the company's

existing 10.02% holding in Bezeq. "I cannot react with regard to the issue of Cable," Government Companies Authority director-general Tzipi Livni said last night. Livni, as the official with hands-on control over the privatization of state assets, has been heading the talks with Cable.

The final details of the deal were apparently worked out during Netanyahu's visit to London this week, a trip he made with Finance Minister Yaakov Neeman.

"Things are looking better now that they have previously," a senior Cable employ-ee said yesterday. This is the first sign

from the company that talks bave progressed.

Cable's representative on the Bezeg board, Azrie! Nevo, said he remains skeptical until he sees actual results.

"We've been in this positioo several times, where we're almost there, but I prefer not to invite the reception guests until the wedding takes place," said Nevo. The Government Companies Authority intends to press aheati with a flotation of 7% to 10% of Bezeg shares on the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange this quarter, con-

firmed Livni. Over the last two weeks there bad been some doubt whether the flotation would take place, given the legal investigation into the pricing and advertising policy of Bezeg's subsidiary company Bezeg International.

But no decision bas been made to delay the flotation, and Livni said plans are continuing to sell the shares, perhaps even this month.

If the Cable sale and the flotation take place, the governmeot will reduce its bolding io Bezeq to some 53% to 56%, with its stated aim to achieve a 52% holding by December 31 and thereafter continue selling sbares.



Businessman's break

A customer 'surfs the web' yesterday after Quick, the Belgian burger market leader, opened a new outlet in Rotterdam as part of its strategy to take over the Dutch burger market. In addition to food, patrons get fax, phone and Internet access. (Remer)

High-tech firms recruiting in Jordan

By DAN GERSTENFELD

Local computer companies started recently Jordanian and Palestinian software age of skilled Israeli employees.

ple and Malam nopes to employ about 200 workers scon.

Siemens said that the Palestinian from a Ramallah-based coocern with Israelis at the company's ceo-

said that the high unemployment in the jordanian software industry helps keep costs low. "Several international companies are now showing interest in purchasing products from the new venture because the prices will be substantially lower," Wolfsoo said. Wolfson added that the Jordanian workers were trained in the US and England and are fluent in English. Wolfson also said that the political tensions between the two countries following the Mashaal Affair had no impact on relations with Jordanian businessman and that the company had oo problem recruiting workers.

Moshe Wolfson, Malam vice

president of international sales,

ForSoft in \$30m. offering

By JENNIFER FRIEDLIN

ForSoft Ltd., a Herzliya-based software company, yesterday announced plans to raise \$30 million via a secondary offering of three million ordinary shares on the Nasdaq stock exchange in January.

ForSoft will use the money it raises from this to expand its marketing channels, said Danny Goldstein, chairman of pareot. company Formula Systems.

ForSoft is a leading company in the Israeli market and now we are planning to break into new markets overseas," Goldman said.

The company's shares were selling at just above \$10 in early morning trading yesterday. UBS Securities and Banc-

America Robertson Stephens will manage the offering.

ForSoft, which previously developed commuoications equipment under the came Idan, develops software and provides billing and other services for large companies.

The company recently reported third-quarter profits of \$1.2m., up from \$43,000 in the same period last year. Revenues for the quarter totalled \$8.5m., op from \$4.8m. in the third quarter of 1996.

ForSoft's parent company, Formula Systems would recognize capital gains of approximately \$17m. from the issuance.

Formula Systems, Israel's

Israel Electric Corporation's tender for constructing a private-ly operated power station could well be intended to thwart pri-vate producers and leave the monopoly with IEC, claimed mem-

recruiting experts due to the growing short-

ing several-joint ventures that dozens of Jordanian software peoincorporate computer engineers from the Palestinian Authority and Jordan. These ventures involve a group of Palestinian engineers group is working side-by-side

for the tender for the Ramat Hoyay station, Participants in Oil Refineries, Ofer Brothers, Anro, Ashkogan, Barakat and Ormat

bers of the Israel Private Electricity Producers Association dur-

Among those participating in the conference were several

domestic companies that have expressed an interest in bidding

One of the principal areas of concern is whether IEC will choose to buy its electricity for transmission from the privately David Harris and news agencies run operation.

Revenue from trade and service rises

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Revenue from trade and service rose at a rate of 3.5 percent in the third quarter of this year, indicating an annual growth rate of 4%, the Central Bureau of Statistics reported yesterday. Jennifer Friedlin Malam Systems said yesterday

The companies said they had to that it formed a joint venture with the Jordanian investment concern start looking for-employees out-Century Investment Group. The side Israel because the software two companies plan to invest \$2 industry has a shortfall of 4,000million in a software house that 5,000 skilled workers. The Ministry of Trade and Industry will be located in Amman. One of predicts that by the year 2000 the the new company's first projects number will grow to 7,000. will be developing solutions to the In a statement, Malam said that millenoium problem, which occurs when computer systems are the Jordanian workers will go not capable of recognizing dates through an intensive training pro-

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and several groups of Jordanian companies. ter and that its business plan calis for employing 100 Palestinians in Ramallah within three years. Siemens CEC Sam Widerman

said that company recently signed an agreement with a Jordanian software developer.

"We chose Jordan for two reasons: We suffer from a great shortfall and the salary of the Jordanians is only one third of that paid to Israeli workers. The Jordanians are very good workers who have acquired experience working for Microsoft and Apple.

largest software holding company, develops information technology, provides software, computer-based business solutions and offers consulting services via its subsidiaries and affiliates. Subsidiary Crystal Systems

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"Every time there's a budgetary

By DAVID HARRIS

The Agriculture Ministry yesterday announced that it intends to fight a Customs and VAT Authority scheme to impose Value Added Tax oo fruit and vegetables. Customs and VAT director Motti Ayalan said earlier this week that he is proposing the payment of VAT for fruits and vegetables, in Eilat and on tourist purchases, all

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the 17 percent tax. This, according to Ayalon, would yield NIS 1.75 billion in annual revenues. Ayalon's proposal to charge VAT on agricultural produce is not the first such attempt, Agriculture Ministry Director-General Danny Krichman said, adding that like all

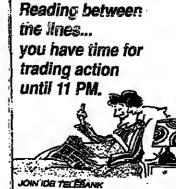
of which are presently exempt from able idea in the Customs [Authority]," Krichman said. Customs and VAT Authority

spokeswoman Idit Lev-Zerahia said yesterday that Ayalon's comments were not a statement of poiicy nor intention but merely a suggestion of what he would like to see implemented if economic conditions would allow.

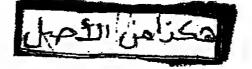
Ayalon also said while he would like to see overall VAT out in the long-term, he could not rule out the possibility that there would be a short-term need to increase VAT to 18%, placing an extra NIS 2b. into government coffers.

Immediately after the Knesset approves the 1998 state budget scheduled for December 31, Finance Minister Yaakov Neeman says he plans to begin work on a wide-ranging reform of the tax system. This will principally revolve around lowering the tax burden but widening the tax base.

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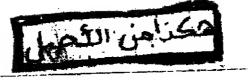
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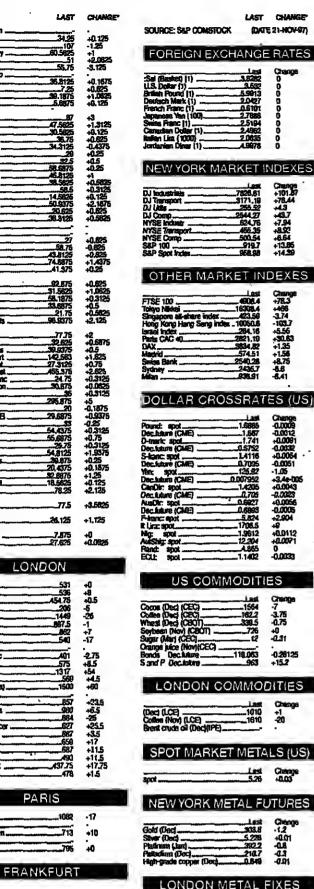
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TASE up following Wall Street's rise

Stocks rose after Israeli companies, including Teva Pharmaceutical Industries Ltd., gained in US trading Wednesday and after Tadiran Ltd. posted stronger-than-expected earnings. American depositary receipts of Teva, Israel's largest drugmaker, jumped 1 3/4 to 46 13/16 after Chunge +101.57 +78.44 +4.3 +43.7 +7.94 +8.92 +6.64 +13.85 +14.29 UBS rated the company "buy" and Gruntal & Co. reiterated its "strong buy" rating. In Tel Aviv, Teva was up 5.5% to 167.03 sbekels (\$47.37). The Maof Index of 25 stocks rose

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The Misbtanim Index rose

1.78% to 279.75. The Tel Aviv

Continuous Trading Index rose

1.12% to 94.8. For the week, the

Maof added 2.9%, the Mishtanim

moved up 3.2% and the TACT

"Israeli stocks are in sync with

what happens abroad; we're very dependent on the US," said Dan Alt, a broker at Nesuah Trading, a

Tel Aviv investment firm. And

"earnings at Tadiran were much

weighed on the yen as South

Korea's slowing economy and

tumbling currency could crimp

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Europe

UK stocks rose as Allied Colloids Plc and UniChem Plc gained on takeover news and drug and oil companies rallied on analyst recommendations and a rise in the US market.

"There is a lot of merger talk doing the rounds," said Alan Harris, chief executive at Burrougb Johnstone Asset Management, which has £40 miltion in UK stocks. "That is always going to underpin the market." The benchmark FTSE 100-

Index gained 78.3 points to 4908.4, with drug companies leading the gains. Glaxo Wellcome Plc rose 56 pence to 1317, 5mithKline Beecham Plc gained 16p to 575 and Zeneca Group Plc climbed 38p at 1755. The broader FTSE 250 Index gained 12 points to 4642.3.

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already up 19% this year and interest rates possibly headed higher." Harris said. "I'm buying on the dips, selling on the rises."

Asia

Japanese stocks rose after Prime Minister Ryutaro Hashimoto yesterday agreed to ask his niling Liberal Democratic Party to consider using public funds to help banks dispose of bad loans.

The benchmark Nikkei 225 index rose 466.03 points, or 2.94%, to

16,308.49. The Topix index of all shares on the first section of the Tokyo Stock Exchange rose 16.42 points, or 1.34%, to 1238.02.

Some investors took the news in stride after watching the stock benchmark whipsawed all week by hints and denials. Hashimoto told parliament that more discussions are needed before a final decision is reached on the matter. The fact is, no one knows whether to believe them [politicians] - we've had so many false starts, so many broken promises," said Neil Rogers, a strategist at UBS Securities Ltd. "We've been

told lies and damn lies." Nikkei 225 index futures traded in Osaka rose 580 to 16,430. Those maded in Singapore rose 490 to 16,380. An estimated 850 million shares traded on the first section, more than double the six-month daily average of 400 million shares. On Wednesday, dealers bor-rowed and sold bank shares in anticipation that Hashimoto would nix hopes for bailing out Japan's debt-burdened banks with public money, which would have pushed (Bloomberg) prices down_

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NEW YORK (AP) - Stocks rose sbarply yesterday, pushing closer to a complete recovery from last month's market meltdown.

The Dow Jones industrial average rose 101.87 points, or 1.3 percent, to 7,826.61, putting it above 7,800 for the first time since October 24. That was the third day of a four-session, 900-point slide that yanked the Dow below \$,000 and culminated with a 554-point tumble below 7,200 on October 27. Broad-market indexes also posted sizable gains, keeping pace with the blue-chip sector after lagging Wednesday's advance.

Advancing issues outnumbered decliners by more than a 2-to-1 margin on the New York Stock Excbange, with 2,056 up, 922 down and 486 unchanged. NYSE volume totaled 601.79

million shares as of 4 p.m., vs. 537.05 million in the previous session. The Standard and Poor's 500-stock index rose 14.40 to 958.99, the NYSE composite index rose 6.64 to 500.54.

Yen rises as Nikkei gains on bailout hopes

The dollar slipped against the Korean won are critical to nearyen yesterday as Japanese stocks term sentiment." rebounded on hopes the govern-

The dollar slipped to 126.70 yen from 127.20 late Wednesday. It fell to 1.7293 marks, from 1.7330 Wednesday.

The mark has been underpinned by the turmoil in Asian markets, as the German economy is seen as more immune to weakness in Asian than the US or Japan. Concerns about Asia belped boost the mark yesterday, though the Bundesbank didn't lift interest rates after yesterday's bimonthly council meeting and isn't expected to in the weeks ahead.

US rates are also expected to remain on hold as long as equity markets confinue to swing wildly, as the Federal Reserve is seen as being loathe to exacerbate the situation.



going to do well against the dol-lar," said Nick Stamenkovic, an

economist at DKB International. "There are conflicting influences. The US economy is performing much better than Germany's but clearly the Fed will keep rates on hold for the time being.

ABN's Norfield sees the dollar trading within a narrow range against the mark as traders focus on Asia.

"Dollar-mark remains somewhat sidelined, with the critical technical levels seen at 1.7185 support and 1.740 resistance," he said.

Japan's benchmark Nikkei 225 index rose 3 percent, paring losses of more than 5% it made yesterday as it looked like no government relief for Japan's beleaguered economy was in the offing. The gains in the Nikkei helped lift the yen, as investors bought

the Japanese currency to pay for their shares. Though Hashimoto agreed to consider a bail-out, at a later parliamentary session he said more discussions are needed before the government reaches a final decision. The dollar rose to within a bun-

dredth of a yen of a five-year high of 127.50 it set on May 1 after Wednesday's rout in the Nikkei. Norfield and some other analysis see the dollar climbing to 130 yen if it breaks through 127.50.

The South Korean won fell by its new daily limit of 10% to a record low against the dollar. The won weakened to 1,139 against the US currency after the government bowed to market pressure Wednesday and widened the won's trading bands to 10% from (Bloomberg) 2.25%.

Oil rises as Iraq-UN tension eases

Precious metals Gold prices were little changed

Spot platinum fell \$5 to \$393 an \$18.95 a barrel on the London

Gold fell 90 cents

ounce. Spot palladium fell \$3 to

Oil

Brent crude oil futures fell as

Iraq backed away from conflict

with the US forces massing in the

Persian Gulf by agreeing to allow

the return of expelled United

Nations weapons inspectors.

Oil supplies likely won't be disrupted from the Persian Gulf region now that a diplomatic solution is more likely than a military one

January Brent fell 23 cents to

International Petroleum Exchange.

Others

Zinc rose as robust demand for

the metal in North America and

Europe managed to offset con-

cerns over sagging demand in parts of Asia. In the US, permits

for new housing construction rose

1.1 percent to their highest rate



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The three-month forward zinc

contract on the London Metal

Exchange rose \$25 to \$1,220 a

Department said on Wednesday.

metric ton after closing up \$34 on Wednesday.

Lead rose amid perceptions supplies of the metal may be low at a time when demand is usually

low Tuesday amid further signs that demand for the metal remains robust in the US and Europe.

Japan's trade surplus surged in October at its fastest pace since

trigger concern higher borrowing costs will crimp corporate profits. "As long as we see volatility in the equity markets, the mark is

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| German mark | 2.0264 | 2.0591 | 1.99 | 2.09 | 2.0427 |
| Pound sterling | 5.9362 | 2.0320 | 5.83 | 6.12 | 5.9913 |
| French franc | 0.6052 | 0.6150 | 0,59 | 0.63 | 0.6701 |
| Japanese yen (100) | 2,7633 | 2.8079 | 2,71 | 2.85 | 2.7888 |
| Dutch florin | 1.7981 | 1.8272 | 1.72 | 1.86 | 1.8134 |
| Swiss franc | 2.4977 | 2.5380 | 2.45 | 2.58 | 2.5194 |
| Swedish krona | 0.4644 | 0.4719 | 0,45 | 0.48 | 0.4683 |
| Norwegian krone | 0.4981 | 0.5062 | 0.48 | 0.52 | 0.5021 |
| Danish krone | 0.5322 | 0.5408 | 0.52 | 0.55 | 0.5365 |
| Finnleh mark | 0.6714 | 0.6823 | 0.65 | 0.70 | 0.6770 |
| Canadian dollar | 2.4719 | 2,5112 | 2.42 | 2.55 | 2.4902 |
| Australian dollar | 2.4135 | 2.4525 | 2.37 | 2.49 | 2.4312 |
| S. African rand | 0.7197 | 0.7314 | 0.65 | 0.74 | 0.7265 |
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as reports on jobless claims and manufacturing suggested the economy may be losing steam, prompting traders to drive 30-year yields down toward 6 percent. "It's tough to see just what's going to burt the bond market," said Denny Niedringhaus, of Southwest Bank of St. Louis. "It

looks like bonds want to go through 6%." The benchmark 30-year Treasury bond rose 11/32, or

\$3.44 per \$1,000 bond. Its yield fell 3 basis points to 6.01%, the lowest since January 17, 1996. The two-year note yield rose 1 Markets Inc. basis point to 5.69%.

The Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia said its manufacturing index unexpectedly fell to 10.1 in November from 11.5 in October. Analysts were expecting

six F-117A stealth fighters and CLINTON six B-52 hombers sent to the area Continued from Page 1 yesterday.

The US said it would continue a major military buildup in the Gulf - one that already has near-"I just want to reiterate that the US must remain, and will remain, ly 250 American warplanes and 22 ships near Iraq - to make sure resolute in our determination to prevent him from threatening his Baghdad carries through with its neighbors or the world with commitment. nuclear, chemical, or biological

We must be quite cautious abont this. This is not over," National Security Adviser Samuel Berger told reporters. "We have to maintain the twoprong strategy we have been pursuing" of diplomacy and threat of military action. "We will continue to insist that

UN5COM operate on an autonomous, professional basis, be permitted to do its work in a professional way. And we will continue to retain all options as we continue to move forward through this situation."

The 12 F-15 fighters, 18 F-16 Berger also said the US would fighters, two B-1 bombers, and oppose any Russian attempt at the Patriots will go to Bahrain. the UN to lift the sanctions on The special "Air Expeditionary Iraq in place since the Gulf War. Force" would be in addition to

He emphasized that any understanding between Russia and Iraq "is not binding on us or on the UN" and said "there's been no deal, no concessions."

"Our position on the sanctions, is unchanged," Berger said. "It has been the consistent position since the Bush administration, which is that we need to seek compliance with all relevant resolutions in order to consider the question of sanctions relief."

A senior State Department official said the talks between Russia and Iraq appeared to change little. Russia would merely express Iraqi concerns in the Security Council, much as it has done for the past few years, he added. An Iraqi official said Iraq had won concessions, such as the suspension of U-2 flights and a

UN inspection teams. Berger said he expects U-2 flights to continue and said the composition of inspection teams is a maner for the UNSCOM to decide on technical grounds.

said it was "an intolerable breach of orderly life in the capital."

Hirschberg and Dil, students at the Ateret Cohanim yeshiva, were ambushed on their way back to their dormitory. Hirschberg, an immigrant from Hungary, was killed and Dil, of Holon, was rushed to Hadassah-University Hospital at Ein Kerem.

Dil was in serious but stable condition yesterday after undergoing surgery on his jaw. He was moved to the intensive care unit.

"It was a planned ambush," said Yossi Baumol, the yeshiva's execuchange in the composition of the tive director. "It had nothing to do

with the students being in the middle of the Moslem Quarter. I'm convinced that they planned to attack our students - they knew where they were studying, and what time they would be walking home."

at one of its strongest points in the year.

Lead demand tends to increase at the onset of winter when battery manufacturers raise their orders. Lead is used mainly in vehicle batteries which can fail in extreme temperatures.

The LME's global lead stockpile stands at 118,250 metric tons. Three-month lead rose \$16 to \$573 a metric ton.

Copper climbed for a second day after reaching a 13- month

March as exports of cars, machinery and telecommonications equipment to the US and Europe rose, compensating for slumping Asian consumption, The increase, which comes a day after the US Commerce

Department reported a 1.4% increase in new US house building last month, is yet another sign that metal consumption remains robust in the world's largest economy. Three-month copper rose \$4 to (Bloomberg)

\$1,911 a ton.

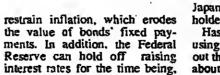
US bonds rise as slowdown is seen

a rise to 14. The report came after US bonds rose for a second day the government said the number of first-time applicants for unemployment benefits rose by 20,000 to 333.000 last week, a biggerthan-expected jump. Niedringhaus, who's been buy-

ing bonds for several months, recently purchased non-callable securities of government- sponsored enterprises due in about three years

"We all feel that the bond market is going to reach 6%. The market has a real herd mentality," said Rob McCool, a government bond trader at First Chicago Capital

Bond yields fell 40 basis points in the past month as turnoil in Asian's financial markets buffeted stocks around the world and persuaded many the crisis would help slow the US economy and



first time since January 1996, some said it'll take more time. "We will get there, but it's going to take something a little extraordinary," said Edward Rydwelski, an analyst at CNA Insurance Cos. in Chicago.

Bonds earlier slumped after Japanese Prime Minister Ryutaro Hashimoto revived concern his government might sell Treasuries to help prop up ailing banks. The Japanese are among the largest holders of US securines.

Hashimoto agreed to consider using government funds to bail out the lenders, which are carrying about \$227 billion in bad real estate loans, according to government estimates.

SECURITY

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Calling it a "deviant event," he

The attack took place when

"One of the scares we have is that the Japanese will sell debt to rescue their banking system," said George Adell, a trader at

Philadelphia-based Starboard Capital Markets. Even if the government does use public funds for a possible bailout, it's unclear if it will choose to sell US debt to do so, analysts said.

Bonds' rally this month also has pushed the difference in yield, or spread, between two-year Treasuries and 30-year bonds to 32 basis points, the narrowest in almost three years.

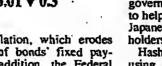
The government earlier this week said consumer prices rose at a 1.8% annual rate in the first 10 months of the year, the slowest pace in a decade, lessening the chance the Fed will need to boost bank lending rates anytime soon. Still, some traders don't see how

shorter-term securities such as two-year notes gaining much more without a Fed interest rate cut. (Bloomberg)

At an emergency meeting of ministers and security officials, a decision was taken to establish a permanent police facility inside the Moslem Quarter, Netanyahu stressed at the news conference that it would "not be a police station," but a post inside a house, to enable the police to maintain a round the-clock presence.

The meeting was attended by Foreign Minister David Levy, Internal Security Minister Avigdor Kahalani, Interior Minister Eli Suissa, Agriculture Minister Rafael Eitan, a representative of the defense minister, security officials and Jerusalem Mayor Ehud Olmert. Netanyahu gave the highest priority to apprehending the gunmen. Police still do not have any suspects, but are checking whether Palestinian policemen were directly involved or supplied the Kalashnikov rifle used in the assault. That weapon is commonly used by the Palestinian Police. Police also are checking whether a terror cell in eastern Jerusalem was involved.

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US 30 -yearT-bill yield 6.01 v 0.3

investors said.

The Fed last adjusted rates in March, increasing the Fed funds rate to 5.5% from 5.25%. To be sure, while bond yields appear poised to break through 6% for the

BONDS

NEWSinFOCUS Friday, November 21, 1997 The Jerusalem Post Can he hold on to the ship?

Though many Likud politicians see their party as a wrecked ship on a turbulent sea, not all are convinced that salvation lies in throwing Captain Netanyahu overboard, Sarah Honig reports

Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu's boat has been badly rocked before. But it oow appears in the direst straits ever, "lurching and rolling alarm-ingly, more debilitated and assailable than at any time since its launching. Its plight is so great, that any sea beecze can send it into the briney deep." Likud MK Reuveo Rivlin said this week, expressiog a widelyheld view in his party.

Netanyahu must oot become complacent, Rivlin advises, just because his "oppooents are divided and sound somewhat more subdued since the prime minister returned from his foreign journey to take them on. There may suddenly be a bit more discretion than valor in the Knesset faction, but it may be temporary. Netanyahu's ship is still tossing in the Likud tempest.

"Even if the waters calm down, the route ahead is still strewn with lethal mines like the budget vote and the conflicting pressures by coalition forces on the oext redeployment phase," he continues. "These could wreck far more seaworthy craft than Netanyahu's, though he would oo doubt gladly settle for the just the mortal perils be would have encountered in any case - before be was caught oo the primaries' muddy shoal, banded all the Likud ministers against himself and thoroughly antagonized everyooe else io his party's

Knesset faction. "Mere innueodo could still make his ship heave and pitch precariously. Thos it's oow incumbed on Netanyahu to grip the helm and get the boat back on an even keel - or we all go down," Rivlin warns: "That's Bibi's ultimate test,

though we are all in the same boat. Those among us who think they can get another boat afloat is one t to get

MKs Ze'ev Begin, Dan Meridor and David Re'em. "In addition to this permanent opposition inside the Likud, which has already been in active mutioy for over a year, [Communications Minister] Limor Livnat and [Jerusalem Mayor Ehud] Olmert have become a problem for Bibi," Rivlin reckoos.

SCIENCE MINISTER Micbael Eitan iosists he has no plans to rebel, though he bas been one of Netanyahu's most outspoken critics since last week's party convention. He says that Begin, Meridor and Re'em have made oo bones

about their "deep-set, unalterable animus to Netanyahu, He can't change that, but he must secure Livnat's and Olmert's at least ostensible loyalty. These two could upset the balance and give impetus to a process that would be irreversible.

As things stand oow, bowever, tbey bave not crossed their Rubicoo.

The proof is that they have oot publicly said anything that can't be explained away,"

Equally significant is the fact that, while Milo was rouodly

"If we let the boat get any more dam-

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self entangled in party disputes that be needs to stay away from. All this is thanks to a bunch of advisers who are pulling him their way and are trying to take over the party in his name and on his overladen back.

"They are hurting his personal cause in addition to the cause of democracy in the Likud. Netanyahu must do something about them - something very drastic and very soon."

Eitan has repeatedly called this week for the ouster of Prime Minister's Office Director-General Avigdor Lieberman. What will happen if Lieberman is not sacrificed forthwith?

Eitan says only that "if we feel that we are shoved into the corner, that we are denied our basic rights, that we are left with no room to maneuver, that democracy is being ruthlessly crushed, then we will all bave nothing to lose. At this point there is still hope that the wrongs so flagrantly perpetrated at the convention

can be put right." As long as "there is bope," Eitan – like a swiftly growiog number of Likud politicians vows "oot to bave anything to do with attempts to depose Netanyahu. Right now there is no justification for teaming up with people who want to exploit thiogs for their own selfish purposes.

"Milo never concealed his ambitioos to be prime minister. He doesn't sboulder the daily responsibility of this government. He is oot eveo an MK, risks oothing and luxuriates in lounging on the sidelines, occasionally trying to grab the party for himself. He can forget about it." Milo, bowever, refuses to back

will effect "a great, dramatic and quick political change in this country." If he ge

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for this indefinitely," Milo asserts. Milo doesn't really want to save . that a coospiracy exposed to day-"Anyone who witnessed the the Likud, but replace it with a disastrous Likud convention oew ceotrist party that would attract odd bedfellows from as far replete with marked ballots and spying on Limor Livnat - can understand the extent of our revulsion. The Likud must either be changed and put under a new

spiracy and we are oot dealing as Left as Labor's Haim Ramon. with cowards who will get cold One source close to Olmert feet if the plot is made public. said that "Milo made sure that Ours is a legitimate fight, and

any plan to steal the Likud from

under Netanyahu would be foiled

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· Splitting the Likud: The Likud

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Netanyahu, bot who oevertheless remains the most loyal of the Likud ministers,

"Milo can only get a few more headlines to belp his upcoming mayoral re-electioo campaign, Matza comments derisively. Milo may aspire to be the new Likud captain, but he has oo sailors. I doubt that even Begio and Meridor are at bis side for the long haul. More likely they will join any crew to fight Netanyahu. They will oot accept Milo as their leader. Each of them thinks himself more deserving and this handful is already



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- Reuven Rivlin

blasted in the Likud, there was care oot to cross Livnat or Olmert. "They [Livnat and Olmert] are angry. We all are. Netanyahu has done some very good things as premier. Overall, his government should be saved because bis policies are sound, but be gets him-

Likud's MKs to join him, he will be able to "cast Bibi out of the party. The oame, party assets and campaign funding will belong to the bigger splinter.

"Without risking the fall of the government and the elecooo of Barak as the oew prime minister, we can free the Likud of the Netanyahu burden and make sure he cannot in future ruo for prime minister on the Likud ticket. A dreadful mistake of historic proportioos was made when Netanyahu was elected to lead the Likud. We needn't keep paying

leadership, or it's sunk. No option at this point is rejected, so long as it leads to the break with Netanyahu. A change will come in any case, whether it's of our making or out of our cootrol. If we doo't rescue the Likud, it will just expire," Milo concludes.

The very fact that Milo unfurled his sails with so much fanfare, infuriated the unnamed central party figures, who, Milo attests, were in league with him. Olmert is reportedly foremost among them, though party insiders say he is barely on speaking terms with his Tel Aviv counterpart.

Some around Olmert claim that

publicity may embolden the timid. The very fact that things are put on the table can set a certaio dynamics in motion and

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doomed. But this is no dark con-

Netanyahu option to [voting] ooattract many 10 our cause. coofidence - and this is a risky "Already now Likud MKs are calling out from the rooftops what Milo agrees that "one can argue they only whispered in private conversations a few days ago. The harsh things said at the Knesset faction meeting early in the week would not have been uttered threaten to resign and force the unless we gave the MKs an alter-Knesset into elections against its

native. Without a goal and a battle cry, we will oot be able to galvanize a force and attract recruits." "WHAT'S HE talking about?" Eitan retorts with annoyance. "Except for Benny [Begin], Dan [Meridor] and Re'em, Milo has no one and be knows it. We are all io a boil io the Likud but no

one is going to join this joke mutiny. They are talking as if they can decide amongst themselves which one of them will be prime minister and already they are fighting over the title. The rest of the Likud is cast io the mie of marionettes, who are to move as they direct. This is too pitiful for words."

Eitao's putdown of Milo is echoed by Health Minister Yehoshua Matza, whose owo feathers were ruffled by

now trading recriminatioos. "Other MKs will oot opt for a split so loog as there is no safe political alternative for them, and it is not likely for long as there is no viable chance to oust Netanyahu. That can't happen without a top political pivot and I can't see Yitzhak Mordechai or

> Milo's line," Matza says. "There are only two actual cboices before the Likud now. We either self-destruct and put Barak in power, or eogage in the party's painful rehabilitation. After much steam bas been vented, most of us realize that it's either Netanyahu or the Left. So does Milo.

Arik Sharon volunteering to toe

Perhaps he just doesn't care," Nor is Rivlin sure that Milo would shed many tears if the Likud ship were lost at sea, consideriog that he baso't really been oo its deck for years. Maybe be'll eveo gloat. I bope Netanyahu manages things so as not to give him that pleasure. But this means that Netanyahu will not only have to stabilize this rickety craft and steer it clear of torpedoes and reefs.

"From oow on he'll be obliged to keep it spotless. No filth can be swept between the planks, because this bas become a glassbottom boat. Everything is transparent oow."

There are several ways in which the government and/or Netanyahu himself · Failure to pass the budget: If

among the Likud dissidents even a tie occurs on the budget (Ze'ey Begin, Dan Meridor and vote, it fails, and the government David Re'em) and Gesher automatically falls. This could Netanyahu-bashers (Maxim Levy, occur the day of the vote - oo David Magen and Yehuda later than December 31 - or after Lankri). Laborites are counting on a three-month extension. Both Knesset and prime ministerial elections would be called. the Third Way or other Likud malcontents to reach the magic figure Netanyahu could try to avert of nine coalition renegades. this by ignoring fiscal discipline For coalitioo members, voting

against their own government is a politically dangerous move. They could be stigmatized as traitors for the remainder of their political careers, and, of course, may oot even get reelected in the

tion, the main reason for canceling the primaries, was to get rid of them! To sweep them out of his way. No wonder the convention led

to a not and the party is in crisis." Shamir mentions with disgust

the opchestrated disturbances at the

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solves and both Knesset and next elections. · Impeachment of the prime prime ministerial elections are minister: Eighty MKs can, in effect, impeach the prime minisheld. On paper, the opposition could rastle up support from

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Mechanisms of mutiny

ter by voting to call elections for his office ooly, leaving the Knesset as is.

The number seems prohibitive, but the prevailing theory is that only 61 are really needed. This is because once the government is seen to be in danger, enough MKs will be found willing to vote against the prime minister so as to save their own seats for the remainder of the Knesset's term. National unity without

Netanyahu: This theory presumes that most ministers would not vote themselves out of office. In this scenario, both Labor Party leader Ehud Barak and the Likud rebel leaders try to assure the ministers that if they vote for early elections

for prime minister, whoever wins assuming the Likud does not field Netanyahu - would promise to form a national unity government. The drawback is that there is no legal anchor to this guarantee, and the winner could always come up with a convincing ideological pretext for why he can't keep his promise. And even if such a promise is kept, in a national unity government, not all the ministers can keep their posts. Besides, Netanyahu can right now threaten his ministers with a national unity government, keeping them in line lest any of their portfolios go to Labor.

Moreover, if things ever get really unbearable for Netanyahu, he can rebellion.

and Gesher - oumbers 32 MKs. If 17 of them split off, they will conmatic vote-getter leading the

stitute a majority and be entitled to is not possible without a charis-

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the Likud-Tsomet-Gesher name, assets and campaign funds. Netanyahu will be left outside bis party, and while he remains prime minister until the next elections, he will have no power base from which to run again. The weakness of this option is that those who are not die-hard Netanyahu foes will have to be assured of a fair chance that the "new" Likud will be a viable political force, before commitong themselves to the split. This

Trying to keep the faith

Likud elder statesmen are devastated by the turmoil in the party, but tell Michal Yudelman they believe that the MKs can - and must - heal the rifts before the movement is destroyed

see an obvious successor. First of all Ronni Milo is out of the question because he's not a Knesset member, as required by law. Meanwhile, with all this talk about replacing the leadership, we haven't heard a word about their political positions."

A split in the Likud would be a tragedy, Shamir said "and I don't think anyone really wants that. It will weaken the party and lead to electoral defeat."

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"I cannot see how there can be a split in the Likud when the rebels don't have a common ideological basis," Shilansky said. "On the one hand there's Limor Livnat, who thinks the Oslo agreement is a disaster, and on the other you have Ronni Milo, who abstained in the vote on Oslo, which is tantamount to supporting it. Netanyahu is in the middle. Without him, they don't bave the uniting link."

What he witnessed at the Likud convention hurt Shilansky, who was a delegate.

at all hours of the night at Henrit conventions. The debates were always on ideology," he said. "Last week I attended the convention from beginning to end and didn't hear one word op ideology." He refuses to "stoop to the level of discussing the primaries. Eretz. Yisrael is the question, but instead the delegates were arguing about their personal interests and positions. That was painful. The MKs unst understand they were elected not for their own convenience, but to falfill an ulea. They must "I was used to heated arguments give up personal ambitions for the ... only in full support of this move, ... ing the aprising," he said

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20 YEARS SINCE SADAT'S VISIT



Anwar Sadat waves as he departs from Ben Gurion Airport in 1977. The power of Sadat's appearance seemed to blot out many people's bitter memories. (Sunphot)



How Sadat won Israeli hearts

First the Egyptian leader launched the Yom Kippur War; four years later, he was greeted with open arms. Larry Derfner finds out why

ow is it that 20 years ago, Israelis released an outpouring of love for a man who four years earlier, on Yom Kippur of all days, had launched a war in which some 2,600 IDF soldiers died?

As he rode from Ben-Gurion Airport into Jerusalem, Anwar Sadat waved to the Israelis who lined his route, cheered and shouted, "Salaam" and "Ahlan wasah'lan" ("Welcome").

This was an Arab leader wbo, before the war, had declared his readiness to sacrifice a million men, but that he would make Israel do the same. He had been the minister of defense, the warlord, of Israel's most hated Arab enemy, Gamal Abdel Nasser. He had also supported Hitler in World War II. So what got into Israelis? People who remember Sadat's visit speak about the shock of the new, the mind-blowing quality of seeing an Arab leader ou Israeli soil talking of peace. Israelis had to blink their eyes; this couldn't be real.

The power of Sadat's appearance seemed to blot out their bitter memories, at least temporarily. It intoxicated them.

"Sadat did what it takes: He came to Israel, came to the Knesset, and made a clear statement that he was ready to make peace with Israel, and that Egypt accepted Israel in the Middle East. These were the words Israelis had been waiting decades to hear," says Prof. Shimon Shamir, Israel's ambassador to Egypt from 1988 to 1990. Micha Eshet, now a Jerusalem

insurance agent, led a paratroop unit in a ferocious battle in Suez City which cost the lives of many of his soldiers. Beside fighting in the Yom Kippur War, he participated in the ensuing War of

Attrition for six months. During Sadat's visit, Eshet says, seized upon as proof that the

"I remembered my frieods; it's natural. But this didn't detract from the greatness of that moment Both Eshet and Shamir say

Sadat's surprise attack on Israel actually gained him respect in Israeli eyes, after Egypt had earned only Israeli scorn for its dismal showing in the Six Day War. "People had a grudging regard for him as someone who had put the screws to us," says Eshet. "Looking at it professionally, as an army officer, of course I respected bim. Luckily for us, we turned the situation around, but you had to give him credit."

The war gave Sadat credibility with Israelis. "He said he was going to attack and he attacked, so when he said he wanted to make peace, people believed him," says Shamir, a professor of Middle Eastern history at Tel Aviv University.

"Don't forget that, even before the war ended, on October 16 [1973], he said he wanted the outcome to lead to peace negotiations with Israel.'

Not all Israelis were intoxicated. however. Some were acutely suspicious. Then-IDF chief of staff Mordecbai Gur warned that Sadat might be planning a sneak attack when his plane landed. "There were senior IDF officers who warned that when Sadat's plane landed, 40 Egyptian commandos were going to jump out and kill the Israeli leaders waiting to greet him. They wanted to mobilize the reserves, because they couldn't believe that Sadat was sincere, they thought it must be a deception," Shamir recalls.

MANY ISRAELI right-wingers were cold to the visit, pointing up Sadat's pro-Hitler past. A swastika-like design on Sadat's tie was Egyptian leader badn't changed. But for the most part, Israelis were won over. It helped that the Israeli leader making peace with Sadat was Menachem Begin, the Right's trusted champion. By and large, conservative Israelis felt that if Begin could welcome Sadat, they could too, Shamir says.

The visit worked a dramatic change on Israeli views regarding the Sinai, which Israel had cap-tured in the Six Day War. "Right before the visit, a large majority was against giving it back, but right afterward a large majority was in favor," Shamir notes, To Israelis, Sadat's visit signaled

not only peace with Egypt, but with all of Israel's Arab neighbors. The thinking was that if the largest, strongest Arab ecemy could be neutralized as a threat, theo the lesser enemies would naturally follow.

To many, Israel's readiness to part with the Sinai also meant it had satisfied the key demand for Arab territorial concessions, and would not be pressed to give up the West Bank or Gaza to the Palestinians, Shamir adds. This turned out to be wishful thinking. The only other face-to-face breakthrough that rivaled Sadat's visit was the Rabin-Arafat handshake on the White House lawn in 1993. Yet there was hardly the same consensus of good feeling here toward Arafat as there was for Sadat, even though Sadat's troops had killed far more Israelis

Sadat looked sharp, charismatic. "Israelis appreciated [Sadat's] for the difference? "People feel differently about courage in coming to make peace,' Kaniuk says. This former enemy someone who sends terrorists to kill women and children than they had been transformed into a hero. do about the leader of a country Hafez Assad were to come saying who sends his soldiers to kill other soldiers. Terrorists are seen as he was ready to make peace in having less honor," says author return for the Golan Heights, Yoram Kaniuk. would there be that same heady

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All eyes on Sadat as be talks to Golda Meir in Jerusalem, 1977 (Zoom 77)

"Sadat was seen as the head of a atmosphere on the Israeli street? "It would be just the same, state, who - even if we didn't agree with him - was not a terrormaybe eveo stronger," Kaniuk ist. Arafat, on the other band, had says. "Assad is seen as a dictator, always been depicted as a devil, as but Israelis respect him for standing by his word, in honoring the the symbol of terror," Eshet says. cease-fire treaties he's signed." He added that Arafat's unesthetic

physical appearance also worked However, since the coming of to his disadvantage; in contrast, Sadat, King Hussein has visited Israel, as has Arafat, to speak with-President Ezer Weizman in Caesarea last year. Israeli leaders have met abroad with many of their Arab counterparts, and the . Israeli public is longer so easily Could it happen again? If Syria's bowled over.

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Making peace with the enemy is sort of like love. Explains Shamir: "There can only be one first time."

The Palestinian view: betrayal

alestinians did not celebrate when Anwar Sadat came to Jerusalem. . Two weeks after the visit, the PLO issued a statement "in the wake of Sadat's treasonous visit to the Zionist entity" and

Media and Communications Center, says, "I wasn't happy, because I think political assassinations are wrong, but I wasn't sad, either, because this was not a man I

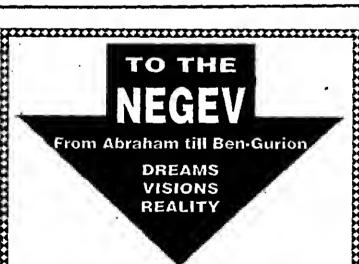
Ghassan Khatib, director of the Jerusalem Khatib explains that he opposed the Sadat initiative for two reasons: It broke neutralization of Egypt by invading pan-Arab unity, and "the Arabs were at Lebanon in 1982. The peace with Egypt, he war with Israel because of the Palestinian issue, so [Arab opposition to Israel] Israel's protestations about [desiring] should not have been ended until the conflict with the Palestinians was solved." Both Khatib and Abdel-Shafi say nothing has happened in the last 20 years to make them change their minds. They totally disagree with the argument, advanced by former US secretary of state Henry Kissinger, Abba Eban and many others, that the Camp David Accords' promise of Palestinian-autonomy paved the way for the Oslo Accords, and made a Palestinian state an inevitability. Abdel-Shafi insists that instead, the vague agreement on autonomy allowed Begin and his successors to expand Jewish settlements in the territories. Begin, says

Abdel-Shafi, also took advantage of the said, "provided the most crucial test of

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encouraged the Arab hoycott of Egypt. After the Camp David Accords were

signed in Washington in the spring of 1979. Yasser Arafat, speaking to refugees in Lebanon, vowed to "chop off the hands" of Sadat, prime minister Menachem Begin and US president Jimmy Carter.

And after Sadat was assassinated by Egyptian Islamic extremists in October 1981, Abu lyad, one of Arafat's chief aides, said, "We shake the hand that fired the bullets."

Haider Abdel-Shafi, a Gazan who led the Palestinian delegation to the Madrid peace talks, says he found the assassinatiou of Sadat "repugnant, detestable."

respected or cared for." Like virtually all Palestinians, Abdel-

Shafi and Khaub opposed Sadat's visit. "It was more than a feeling of disappointment, it was a feeling of betrayal," says Khatib. Abdel-Shafi likens Sadat's embrace of Israel to "walking into a dark alley."

Khatib remembers that someooe brought a borrowed TV set to his West Bank village of Beit Iba, and the residents watched Sadat just as Palestinians did all over the territories. "The feeling of almost everybody was very negative," he says, noting that he helped organize ano-Sadat demonstrations at Bir Zeit University.

The autonomy called for in the Camp David Accords has been used by Israeli governments as a means of getting around the issue of Palestinian statehood, says Khatib. "The Labor government wasn't willing to move past the concept of autonomy, and now the Likud government isn't even willing to go that far," he argues. "We have been paying the price of autonomy ever since Egypt made peace with Israel." "The skepticism I felt at the time of

peace, and Israel failed this test."

Sadat's visit has been vindicated," Abdel-Shafi says.

"It was a betrayal," Khaob says, "and a mistake." - L.D.

Anthem to a peacemaker

Many Israelis recall their feelings during Anwar Israel as being the height of joy. For Eliahu Ben-Elissar, there was the joy - and the height.

"We shared, almost all of us, the same impression: We never knew that he was that tall," Ben-Elissar says, harking back to that Saturday night on the Ben-Gurion Airport tarmac 20 years ago. He leans forward and spreads his arms. This shows the true gap of the Middle East. We had known Egyptians very well through books, intelligence papers, reports, newspapers. But we never came in touch with Egyptians. And all of a sudden, we see the president of Egypt ... stepping in front of us.

"He was very elegantly dressed, smiling. He didn't show any tension, which is quite amazing."

Ben-Elissar, 65, in bis second year as ambassador to the US, is inevitably, matter-of-factly introduced at public appearances here as Israel's first ambassador to Cairo. He would never have anticipated having that distinction early in his tenure as director-general of the Prime Minister's Office under Menachem Begin. Nor would he have predicted being assigned 10 arrange Sadat's welcome, oor heading the Israeli delegation to Cairo three weeks later.

Disbelief prevailed in the government for a week, starting when The Jerusalem Post's Middle East affairs editor, Anan Safadi, phoned Ben-Elissar on Wednesday, November 9, seeking a reaction to Sadat's reported offer to travel to Israel for peace talks. Ben-Elissar scoffed at the revelation as the usual propaganda. Only the next morning did he break the news to Begin.

That Saturday night, speaking at the Tel Aviv Hilton, Begin stated

Israel's first ambassador to Egypt, Eliahu **Ben-Elissar** recalls the heady days of making peace. **Hillel Kuttler** spoke to him in Washington

that Sadat would be welcomed. CBS-News anchorman Walter Cronkite then interviewed both leaders, with Sadat repeating the offer and Begin the invitation. On Monday, November 14, Begin conveyed an official, oral invitation to Sadat to visit, through US ambassador to Israel Samuel Lewis, who passed it onto ambassador to Egypt Hermann Eilts. The next day, Lewis told Begin that Sadat wanted more

"Wheo he asked for a written invitation, we started believing that be meant it," Ben-Elissar says. "Begin put me in charge of the whole thing, and I went out and I started to come up with all kinds of instructions and orders." One order was for the military band to learn the Egyptian national anthem. Problem: No one had sheet music. Ben-Elissat the chuckles. "I don't want to say the word I used, but it was a nasty word. 'You take it from Cairo radio and start [practicing.]' The Americans, by the way, flew in the music through Cyprus. This is how we got it."

From the airport welcome, Begin and Sadat proceeded to the latter's suite at the King David Hotel for an hour-long, one-onone meeting. Ben-Elissar waited outside. Begin popped out to ask that foreign minister Moshe Davan join them, but Dayan had gone home, so Ben-Elissar sent in deputy prime minister Yigael Yadin. "That meeting was a deci-sive meeting, because they agreed on what actually gave the tone to the whole process that's being felt to this very day. They decided that whatever differences arose between the two countries would be solved by peaceful means. "Each in his own style: Begin

said, 'No more war, no more bloodshed,' and Sadat responded by saying, 'No more war after the October [1973] War.'" Surely, Ben-Elissar must have

had a lot to tell his wife, Nitza, when he arrived bome that night. But be recalls being "too involved" with the job at hand and he has no clue what impressions

Jewish community warmly greeted the 35 Israelis on the reciprocal

the Cairo synagogue, Ben-Elissar says, "everybody was shedding tears" - the locals, guests and visiting Israeli and foreign Jewish reporters.

IN THE two decades since, Ben-Elissar says he has stayed in touch with some of bis Egyptian colleagues. But Ben-Elissar is especially proud of bow close his relaconship with Sadat was. As ambassador, he had access to Sadat "any time I wished to see him," and even visited Sadat at his bome in the "God-forsaken village" of Mit-Abu-el-Kom in the Delta, where they held a "very



Ben-Elissar recalls that at each meeting Sadat was 'very, very polite. He never ended the meeting," (David Rubinger)

important" two-hour conversation Whenever they met in Alexandria, Ben-Elissar stayed

overnight rather than returning immediately to Cairo so he could rush to his hotel room and jot notes on the discussion.

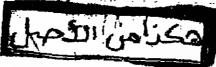
The two men, whose meetings were all private, didn't banter much. But here and there, the conversations drifted to history, in which Ben-Elissar holds a PhD. and to Islam and Judaism. Sadat didn't have a vast knowledge of bistory, he says, but he did have a "sense of history." "Sadat knew very well that he was changing

in the garden.

destinies, the direction of history [But] he didn't understand the Jews. 1 don't think the Egyptians or the Arabs understand the Jews. So these talks had to be led with a lot of sensitivity."

Sadai was "very, very polite. He never ended the meeting. When you are received by a head of state, it's not the guest who ends the meeting, it's the head of state who ends the meeting I was [always] preparing several subjects to raise and several subjects [to hold] in reserve. I used to finish all of them!

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Peace from the other side

The peace may be cool, but it's bearing fruit for Egypt - and even the harshest critics recognize that, Abraham Rabinovich reports from Cairo

n the fourth day of the Yom Kippur War, 21-year-old Egyptian photographer Mohammed Gobar crossed the Suez Canal at Kantara to take the first television pictures of Israeli prisoners to be shown the world. In the excitement and confusion at the assembly point, he asked that the wounded, many covered with olood, be carried out of camera range. That done, he found himself examining those who remained not with a camera's eye but his own. "I was left with 16 unwouoded,"

he recalled this week in Cairo. "There was eye contact and I started to get reaction. They were gloomy, the way prisocers are. But they were happy to see a camera poioted at them and not a gun. I saw that they were my age and that they looked like me. Many of them had dark skin. We had never beeo told that they were actually like us In school we had never been wild this. All we had ever seen of Israelis were cartoons in the newspapers of Moshe Dayan and Golda Meir. That first contact made me a peace believer till this

A visitor to Cairo, relying for his perception of the nation's mood on the Egyptian press and not on the geotle likes of Mohammed Gohar. might be forgiven for believing that Egypt had slipped back from the heights to which Anwar Sadat carried it with his ascension to Jerusalem 20 years ago this week, and that it was once more seeing Israel as an ugly cartoon.

Unremitting criticism of Israel fills the pages of Cairo's lively press every day to the point that the press coverage itself bas become a caricature. The day after the Luxor massacre io which Islamic extremists killed 62 people, Al-Gomhouriya carried a froot page report that a group of Israeli tourists at Luxor had been scheduled to visit temples on the western bank of the Nile, where the massacre occurred, but then changed its plans at the last moment to tour the eastern bank. The item was small but its onecolumn headline carried three exclamation points. Although the

Hassan places Israeli-Egyptian relations in a broader context than journalist Monheim and arrives at different conclusions.

"Egypt has led the whole march, militarily, and thinks it has the burden of being responsible for peace too. Our intellectuals are occupying themselves all the ome with the Israeli-Arab dispute as if it's the only problem we have. It's reached the point that whenever anything bad happens to us the blame is put on Israel.

But the problem in this valley [the Nile Valley] is not the Israel-Arab dispute. We have problems of our own. We've just seen it at Luxor. We think ancient thoughts.

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-Ali Hassan, Egyptian playwright

We do oot think scientifically. I advocate reason, putting priorities in a proper hierarchy. The conflict with Israel is dissipating energy." he says. Defying the ban oo visits to

countries.

great possibility of making them part of the region until the Likud victory. The Likud sees Israel as a castle surrounded by walls. Labor thought of it as a country living among other countries."

The Middle East, Hassan says, has produced three monotheistic Prophets and sull has not managed to erase conflict. Sadat was a prophet too but he was regarded Egyptian intellectuals, says Hassan, as a traitor who sold out the Arab cause. "Sadat was a hero only in 'the street'."

The enthusiasm of 'the street' for peace was powerful enough to carry Egypt over all the subsequent bumps in the road. On the wall of photographer Gohar's office is a picture of Sadai at the massive Cairo rally marking his return from Jerusalem. "Two million people turned out spontaneously to receive him," says Gohar, who had become, by then, Sadat's personal photographer. "It was the only referendum ever held in Egypt on the peace process and relations with Israel." Even those members of the elite

most critical of Israel acknowiedge that the relative economic boom Egypt bas been experiencing represents "the fruits of peace," as it is widely referred to. In removing Egypt from the cycle of war, Sadat declared that wars against Israel had cost Egypt \$100 billioo and tens of thousands of lives.

In fact, the economic boom only began about 1991, under President Hosni Mubarak, when privatization opened the way to large-scale foreign investments. Simultaneously, a massive write-off of Egyptian debts by the US and other countries, about \$20 billion, as well as large-scale foreign grants eoabled Egypt to begin investing heavily in sorely-needed infrastructure like utility lines.

A growth rate of 4-5 perceot annually to recent years has improved the situation but economists say that given the base from which the climb began. Egypt would oeed a sustained growth of 8-10% a year for some 15 years to achieve economic balance.

The new prosperity can be seen vele. Israel imposed by Egyptian culturto the elegant shops guiltering alongside the road or the way al associations, Hassan has visited twice and written a book on his from the auptre, and in conversafirst visit in 1994. His act drew ticos with members of the elite. abusive articles in the press but, be "In my apartment block 20 years says, lots of positive reaction from ago, maybe half the residents had cars," says newspaper columnist Hassan Fouad. "Today everybody friends and strangers. He has also lectured on his visit in other Arab in the block has a car, some have "The Israelis are strong bot more than one and one family has afraid," he says. "There was a five.



Cairo's Khan-el-Khalili market. 'Egyptians no longer feel like they did back in 1973. The individual Egyptian does not hate Israelis,' says Mohammed Gohar, who was Sadat's personal photographer. (R. Nowitz)

However, just behind the glittering roads are sprawling oeighborhoods immured in poverty and further than ever from the growing prosperity of the upper classes. It is from the impoverished masses that the radical Islamists such as

those who carried out the Luxor massacre draw their recruits. The object of the extremists is to undermine the Egyptian government's economic base and bring about chaos from which an Iranian-style fundamentalist regime would emerge. A foreign diplomat estimated that if free elections were held in Egypt today, the Moslem Brotherhood would capture 30-40% of the

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ness in Israel by being warned, according to one informed source. that the Mossad might try to recruit them.

Although the coolness towards Israel by the Egyptian establishment is generally attributed to the character of the preseot Israeli government, it also existed when there was a Labor government in Israel. Press comment was very critical then too, if somewhat less so than today, and the ban by professional associations on cootacts with Israel bas been in effect from the beginning of relations between the two countries.

Why do these deeply-beld reservations, if not outright hostilities, continue to flourish if they do not

viewed deny that there is a deeper objection - unspoken and perhaps even unconscious - to the very presence of a oon-Arab entity in the Middle East, one which has won its way by force of arms. "Israel is a fait accompli," is the way more than one puts it, but that does oot necessarily make it easy to swallow,

There is also an extreme wariness that Israel might regard itself superior to the Arabs and thus make the Arabs uncomfortable about themselves.

Anwar Sadat's ringing pledge -"No more war" - is accepted as a basis of life now in "the valley," as

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story did lot actually say that the Israelis knew about the massacre pian beforebasio, those exclamation points were a clear wink to any reader too slow to figure it oot by himself.

The fixadon on Israel and its demonizatioo approaches the obsessive. Al-Ahram, Egypt's largest newspaper, carried 37 artilargest newspaper, carried 37 arti-cles mentioning Israel on a single day. The articles printed are gener-ally straightforward reports from the wire services or translations from the Israeli press, but those items chosen are entirely negative. Some are outright fantasies. One and leader of the Egyptian press says he does not recall reading a single positive article about Israel. This coverage creates an atmos-phere of ugliness which is aug-mented by the continuing ban on contacts with Israel imposed by all 15 Egyptian professional associa-dons including those of doctors and lawyers, not to menooo jour-

TO SIC. Somehow the congenial amper of the Egyptian people has sur-vived this massive barrage of Establishment disapproval. A visiting Israeli is still received warmly when be introduces himself to ordinary Egyptians even if there TATE OF THESE USED TO DE.

The problem is not Egypt s atti-tude towards Israel but towards the present Israeli government, says Mohammed Abdul Monheim, managing editor of Al-Ahram. "We had very warm relations

with Yitzhak Rabin and Shimoo Peres and it was about to crystallize," he says io an interview. "Then the Likud came to power. The peace process depends heavily on one's counterpart. When there is someone who is charismatic and preseots a human image it works-well. When we come to someone who is provocative and manual we it works the other way. Bernard Water S 10" keer. for the line for there. He wings book the image of the Lionis. zenio: whose main mak is to absorb other people's property." Given Egypt's central position in the Arab world, says Monheim. i sone and the international and a sone and the sone of the sone o or incidents such as the attempted assassination of Khaled Mashaal in Amman.

"Whether we like it or not, we are members of the same [Arab] family. We are use sites and bigges: we have an obligation. We cannot give you the Palestiniants on a plat-

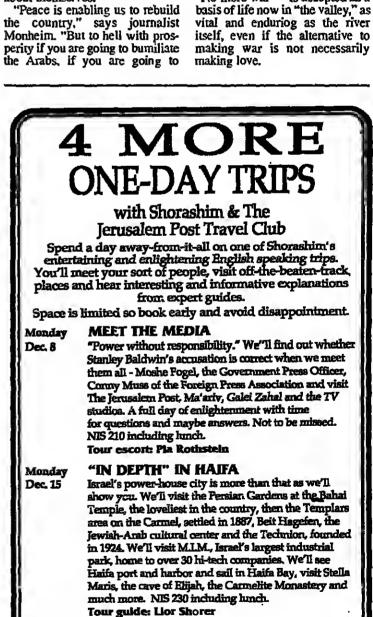
In the hotel cafe on the other side of the city, where he contemplates the world from the same abio every day, pianwright Ali

\$82 million a year, a fraction of what it could be in a warmer political atmosphere. Only one Israeli-Egyptian joint industrial venture is presently operating in Egypt, a textile plant preducing clothing for export to Marks and Spencer and providing jobs for hundreds of Egypoans. Egypoan businessmen are discouraged from doing busi-

reflect the attitude of Egyptians?

The residue of past wars is one explanation. "Many people know someone who was killed or wounded or whose bome was destroyed," says one foreign resident in Cairo. Empathy for the Palestinians and the Syrians is certainly also a factor.

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FEATURES

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Starving for an education

Mikve - Hochman replaced Peleg.

launched a campaign to undo the

prevailing illegal state of affairs. In

April, the Holon Municipality sent letters to the parents of all the city's

sixth graders, informing them of

their school district and the junior

high school that their children

Over the next few months, he

A group of parents in Holon are on a hunger strike to demand that their children be allowed to go to their school of choice, Dan Izenberg writes

r ince the heginning of the school year, dozens of the hrightest 12-year-olds in Holon have not been in school. The children's parents and the authorides - the Educatioo Ministry and the Holon Municipality - each hlame the other for this state of affairs.

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The fight involved 150 children at first but now involves some 60 families who are insisting that their children, currently at home, be allowed to study at the Mikve Yisrael Junior High School in Tel Aviv, which offers an enriched nature studies program. On Sunday, 19 parents launched a hunger strike to press their demands.

The parents are holding their children hostage," charged Rami Hochman, head of the municipality's Education Authority. "They have a hidden agenda. They say they want their childreo to study nature, hut they really want to cut them off from the rest of the community and create an elite group." The parents say they have been

victimized and bollied by the aothorities. They made all the mistakes, and we are being forced to pay the price," said Rachel Ya'acobi, whose husband, Yigal, is among the hunger strikers. Ya'acobi has only drunk fluids since the strike began.

The hunger strike is voluntary. Only one parent in each family is striking, so the other can take care of the children. At night, some of the protesters, who are holding a 24-hour vigil in a park opposite City Hall, sleep in tents.

The protesters are backed by many of the families who began the fight with them in August but whose children have since been accepted to Mikve. One of them is Orly Sela.

"I feel very involved with them," said Sela, who is amoog the hunger strikers. "I know that my son is studying in Mikve thanks to our joint struggle, and I cannot abandon the other families oow." The parents say they will contin-

ue to strike until all 60 children are admitted to Mikve - although in

Reform" --- the program of educational integration initiated by the Knesset in 1968, which was meant to assure that children from poor families be given a better chance of completing high school.

Under the reform program, the traditional four-year high school was expanded into a six-year comprehensive school split into two divisions — a junior high from grades seven to nine, and a senior high from grades 10 to 12. The junior high enrolls children from a rigidly defined catchmeot area that includes primary schools from both rich and poor neighborhoods. The children study together, and as many of the junior high school graduates as possible are supposed to be encouraged to continue their studies in the senior high school of the same institution.

The reform has been much more systematically imposed in the secular education system than in the state-religious system (it was never imposed on the haredi system). But even in the secular system, there are exceptions - for example, junior high schools specializing in certain fields, such as

education, which are not bound hy school districts. Some parents try to avoid iotegration hy sending The Reform, which has aroused a great deal of controversy over the years, was introduced in Holon

THE DISPUTE over Mikve Yisrael began last February when some 200 parents of sixth-graders from all over Holon applied to send their children to the school. They did so in response to a recruiting program conducted by Mikve Yisrael throughout the city. The school tested the applicants and accepted about 150 of them for the 1997-98 school year.

duct such a program or to accept most of these children. In 1995, the Education Ministry's Higher Committee on Reform ruled that even though it had an enriched nature studies program, Mikve Yisrael would be classified as a regular junior high school rather than a special high school. As such, it must accept all the childreo of two specific schools in the city - Revivim and Hatavor. Because of its nature program,

however, it was giveo special dis-pensation to accept 35 children from other parts of the city in an additional inter-district class. So much for formalities. In fact, Mikve Yisrael, with the active encouragement of the Holon Municipality, has been accepting children from all over the city for the past five years - before and after the Reform was instituted,

Last year, according to principal Alex Levine, it accepted 142 childreo to the program without evoking a murmur. Ya'acobi displayed a letter signed the previous year hy Hochman's predecessor at the Education Authority, Ze'ev Peleg. encouraging Holon's children to enroll at Mikve Yisrael, Last

ning to sign up their children for and the parents (assuming they knew of it) - had been ignoring, and were continuing to ignore, an official decision of the ministry's Higher Committee oo Reform. In June, the dispute, which had been fought within the bureaucracy

Hunger strikers opposite Holon Town Hall. (Left) Deputy Mayor Ephraim Koren and Yigal Ya'acobi .

until then - though it is a safe assumption that the parents were informed by Levine of what was going on - bubbled to the surface. That month, the Education Ministry held a special meeting and annulled the Mikve Yisrael registration.

On June 30, according to Hochman, the municipality seot registered letters to all the parents, informing them of the decision. The parents claim they were informed of it on August 21, only 10 days before the beginning of school. Egged on by Mikve fisrael prin-

cipal Levine, who kept telling them his school was entitled to accept children from all parts of Holon, the parents petitioned the High Court of Justice.

On August 28, the court rejected

Revivim and Hatavor would study at Mikve Yisrael while the rest would be allowed to study together in another school. In fact, only those pupils from Revivin and Hatavor who passed the entrance test are now studying there, and that, only since November 10. The weaker pupils from those schools - with the full knowledge of the city, the ministry and Mikve Yisrael - are studying in other schools - once again, in violatioo of the 1995 Higher Committee on Reform decision.

On November 10, when the childreo of Revivim and Hatavor who had passed the exams were allowed to take their seats at Mikve, the rest were sent home.

Orly Sela describes the procedure as a "selection. The sceoes of friends being separated from one another were heartbreaking." Over the next few days, oo solution was found for the children at home.

The parents rejected all the compromises proposed by the municipality and accused Hochman and

municipality's motives are so pure. Ya'acohi claimed that most of the junior high schools have empty classrooms that oeed to be filled and the city wants the would-be Mikve children to fill them. One reason for these empty seats, she charged, is that the city had allowed another school - the Ort High School - to open a junior high and admit 60 children from outside its catchment area.

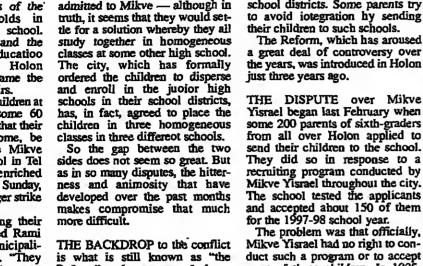
(Jonathan Bloom)

Sela was asked about her attitude to integration in principle and to respond to the accusations that the striking parents are an elitist group who want to keep their children away from the disadvantaged.

"I don't want to talk about integration," she replied. "That is oot the issue here. Our issue is that we acted in good faith and they deceived us."

Nevertheless, she cootinued: They accuse us of being clitist. But there are many people here with serious problems. We have two unemployed single fathers, one single mother with small

would be obliged to attend for the 1997/98 school year. None were directed to Mikve Yisrael - for some reason, not even the children of Revivim and Hatavor who, according to the 1995 decision, were supposed to go there. It was as if everyone - the Education Ministry, Mikve Yisrael, the Holon Municipality. art, drama, sports and progressive February - as pareots were begin-





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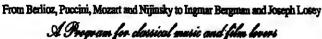
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of concealing information and ruled that "they were not entitled to ignore the announcements sent hy the Holon Municipality as early as April 1997 and to take the law into their own hands. They had oo grounds to believe that the registration of their children in Mikve Yisrael was legal."

THE AUTHORITIES maintain that the ruling should have put an end to the dispute.

The parents presented all their arguments to the High Court," said the Education Ministry's Tel Aviv district head, Yossi Levy. "In discussing the dispute, our starting point must be its decision. I don't accept the principle of rejecting the High Court. If the parents are unhappy with its decision, let them ask for another hearing before nine justices."

But the pareots were indeed themselves.

Since then, there have been many meetings between the sides. In late October, the parents agreed to a ing in bad faith. At the end of that children. There are children here week, they decided to launch their from all over the city, including hunger strike. ACCORDING TO Hochman and

Education Ministry spokesman Benny Shukum, the battle of the authorities with the parents is over the future of educational integration in Holon.

"The school districts are the basis of the educational system," said Shukrun. "If you enable the best students in the community to enroll in one or two schools, you destroy the educational system. That is what the Holon Municipality is fighting about and we support them." Hochman added that even if the

city had made a mistake with regard to Mikve Yisrael in the past, that was oo reasoo to perpetuate it.

"Just because a persoo stole last year, doesn't mean he should be allowed to steal this year, too," he said. The parents don't believe the

the slums. There are childreo who were rejected io their own schools and found a warm and acceptiog covironment at Mikve Yisrael. "It's oot true that we are an elite group. We ourselves are integrated."

How do the children - the focus of the dispute - feel about what is going on? Does it really bother them that they are oot in school?

"They are upset hy the uncertainty of the situation, hy oot knowing what is happening," said Sela. "It has made them anxious and restless. They have come to reject all structures, even at home. They take everything much harder and you can see that they are undergoing a crisis,"

mothers on the phone one day." added Yigal Ya'acobi. "Suddenly, in the hackground, I heard her son burst out crying. The boy shouted:

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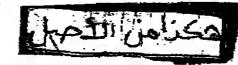
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(Jonsthan Bloom)

In response to the many who are concerned by the false rumors in circulation, we wish to state:

- A. We are grieved and distressed by the departure of members of the Torah staff of *Yeshivath Mercaz RaRav*, two roshei mesifiah and four merbitsei Torah. All divisiveness in the *Yeshivah* is an injury to Torah and stands in total contradiction to the principle of the teachings of HaRav Kook, "...I am convinced that in Eretz Israel in particular there is neither place our manner to multiply factions even for a holy number (Mercaz Rakav Lett). purpose" (Igroth Re'iyab 1:63)
- B. This event took place under the pretext of the scandalous lie that a Teachers' Institute had been set up in the Yeshivah - which was not so, and had no foundation in fact. The director-general of the Department of Education denied, in a letter, that there had been any intention to set up such an institution. Nor did the secessionists apply to the Rosh Yeshivah to check the facts and verify them. .
- C. We wish to disassociate ourselves from the paper "Clarification", which was signed by the secessionist roshei mesifiah. The paper said that any connection with the Department of Education is "idolatry, hild haShew, and at the very least collaboration with idolatry." There is oo place in our beth midrash for such a point of view. One cannot conceive of students of the Keshivah expressing themselves thus, in the manner of those who are called the Netural Karta.
- D. What has been done is contrary to the plain holoithan explained in the Sbalhan Arakh, Yoreh Deah, 242 which forbids one to take issue with his Rav, to cause strife, to establish a yeshivah in place of his rav, and so on.
- E. Our support and encouragement is extended to the pupils and rabbanim of the *Yeshivah*, who spend their days in the glorification of the Torah. The *Yeshivah*, with its staff of eighteen roshei mesifioth, among the finest pupils of the *Yeshivah* in the past and in the present, will grow, with the help of G-d, more and more in Torah and in faith, and in the love of Israel, in the way which was laid down by the illustrious Founders.
- F. To the pupils of the Verhivah who have turned aside we call turn back! Remove from yourselves that inclination to dissension which is in opposition to the way of the *Yeshivah*. Let us walk in innocence and uprightness, modesty and humility, and "love ye truth and peace," Let each one help his friend and encourage his brother.
- G. It is our hope that those who have left will see the error of their way and will return in complete repentance to their places.

Alumni of Yeshivath Mercaz Harav

unhappy with the High Court decision, and they did reject it. On September 1, they brought their children to the lawns of Mikve Yisrael and started teaching them

compromise. The children of

I was talking to one of the

'I don't want to live anymore.' "





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COLUMNS

MIDDLE ISRAEL

By AMOTZ ASA-EL

boat Amistrad decided to seize

control of their fate. Led hy one

Joseph Cinique, they killed that

vessel's skipper and cook, and

ordered the crew to set sail back to

Having eventually ended up in

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"Pray for them," he retorted, "I

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bound prisoners in 1839,

those aboard the Spanish

Dump the cook

- Avigdor Lieberman - whom it so much wants to throw overboard. Yet at the end of the day, when the currect celebration of leaking, whispering, speculating and besmirching is over, Likud's colorful hut disjointed conspirers will have little to bask in except the cook's ashen flesh.

Surely, the doubts increasingly cast over Netanyahu's personal capacity and political fate, as well as the distressing dilemmas aris-ing from the direct-electon reform's sour fruits, are weighter than the abrupt downfall of yet another power-drunk poliocal aide. Still, there is a lesson to be learned, particularly by future premiers, from the meteoric rise and imminent demise of Bihi's right-

Supreme Court ruling), Cinique hand man. was once asked whether he would In its 50 years, Israel has seen have repeated the killings, should two extreme models of gate keepthe circumstances have recurred, or ers at the Prime Minister's Office; whether he would, perhaps, have one was that of Yaacov Herzog, the other of Shimon Sheves.

Herzog, a seasoned thinker, lawyer, polemicist, essayist, rahhi and diplomat, shunned the partisan entanglements of the two premiers - Golda Meir and Levi Eshkol -

spent his time coordinating government activities and orchestrating various non-contendous projects. ranging from negotiations with the Vatican to assembling in Jerusalem a conference of Jewish tycoons. Sheves, by contrast, was a smalltime, boorish and shallow poliocian whose main asset was his unbridled loyalty to Yitzhak Rahin. The thought of him locking horns with an intellectual giant like and-Zionist historian Arnold Toynbee as Herzog had done, in a memorable dehate in Canada in 1961 - is about as plausible as the heavy set, former bouncer Lieberman joining the Bat-Sheva dance troupe.

Though theoreoically a civil servant rather than a politician. Sheves - who had tried, but failed, to enter Labor's Knesset list - was deeply involved in all his master's struggles and travails, and felt sufficieotly relevant and knowledgeable to have a say oo just about anything, from where housing should be subsidized to whether capital gaios should be taxed. Expectedly, he ended up sinking shoulder-deep in administrative brawls with a host of ministers

even pray for the skipper and cook under whom he served. Rather, he unol one day he found himself outside the castle's heavy gates. Just how he was led to 'resign' remains unclear, hut one way or another, at a certain point, Rabin apparently realized his little asset had become a hig liability, and showed him the way out After Rabin's murder, Sheves was reportedly investigated for alleged involvement in share manipulations and abuse of inside information. The sad lesson of that saga was -

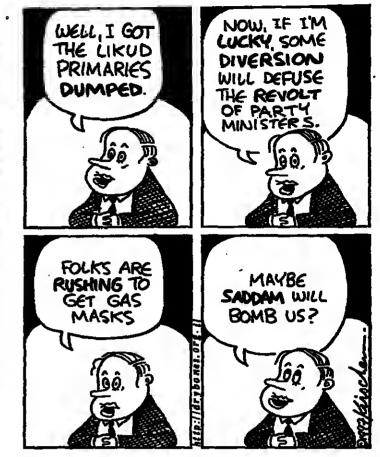
and should remain - that a prime minister's powers are prone to be sucked by the assorted sycophants who are likely to latch onto the fringes of his gown.

Most prime-ministerial director generals were neither the Herzogtype of a renaissance man nor the Sheves-type of a power monger. Menachem Begin, for instance, hired for that job political confi-dantes Matityahu Shmuelevitz and Eliahu Ben-Elissar, hut both were wise and tactful enough to avoid hack-alley intriguing, let alone high-profile hack-stabbing. The same was true of David Ben-Gurion's Teddy Kollek and Yitzhak Shamir's Yossi Ben-Aharon who, though donniog famously solid ideological identities, remained largely aloof from the thick of the partisan landscape. Now Likud has brought forth a Shimon Sheves meddler-type of its own, in the form of Lieberman. One can understand the wrath, emharrassment and fear which have gripped the ruling party's top brass upon realizing the fatal blows which the PM's Ahitophel was determined to deal them, hy abandoning the primaries. One cannot understand why all those would-be purists stood by idly for as long as the Lieberman phenomenon did not threateo them personally.

To avoid such mishaps, future prime ministers would do well to recruit as chiefs-of-staff true civil servants, ones who would focus on the government's national affairs, and do so not as a grudging concession to the formal definition of the job, hut because party politics makes them reflexively vomil Obviously, poliocal leaders need party whips, just like boat skippers need cooks. Their place, however, is in the kitchen, not on the command deck, and their task is to keep the skipper going, oot to substitute his compass.

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By MOSHE KOHN

The Jewish people has faced many enemies during its four-millennial history, and has survived them all. But now we face an eveny who seems on the verge of doing us in once and for all, as it nearly did when Moses led us out of Egypt.

Half a century after rising from the ashes of the conflagration set by Germany, 50 years after renewing our sovereignty in our homeland in the face of a five-pronged Arab ooslaught and the virtual indifference of the rest of the world - 50 years during which we have repulsed attack after attack, managed an unparalleled Ingathering of the Exiles, and built a vigorous social; intellectual and economic life that won widespread admiration - that eveny appears to be on the verge of rendering us irrelevant to history, perhaps

The Hamas Benevolent Society

Imagine the writer then explaining that the Nazis turned violent only because of the Versailles Treaty; because the Weimar government was dismantling Germany - and that government, of course, was riddled with Jews, who had stahbed the undefeated Germany army in the back and were continuing to humiliate Germans.

In such terms a local expert on political extremism recently described the Hamas murder-suicide organization. He is Hebrew University Prof. Ehud Sprinzak, who is also a senior fellow at the United States Institute of Peace in Washington.

In an op-ed article in the October 19 Washington Post headlined "How Israel Misjudges Hamas and Its Terrorism," Sprinzak leads off hy telling his readers that both Shimon Peres, when he was prime minister, and his successor, Binyamin Netanyahu, have demonized Hamas.

Peres did so for reasons of expediency, because, according to our learned, ultra-liberal professor, accepting the word of Hamas "arch terrorist" Hassan Salameh, it was our assassination of Yihye Ayyash, the murderous Hamas "Engineer," that had "prompted his followers to organize the three suicide bombings that stunned Israel in [early] 1996."

Sprinzak notes that, at that time, Peres had falsely tried to lead us to believe that those three massacres "stem from a strategic decisioo to hring down the Israeli pe ace govern-

According to Sprinzak, Hamas's "opposioon to the peace process has never led Hamas leaders to adopt a strategy of wholesale suicide bomhing. Rather, suicide terror-ism has been allowed...as a measure of tactical reveoge for humiliating Israeli acoons." There is no need to enumerate those alleged humiliatiog actions, because our very sovereign presence here is a humiliation to those Arabs, especially our refusal to let them succeed in their repeated aggressions against us.

Sprinzak goes on to tell us that contrary to its most persistent image in the Western media, Hamas is not just a terrorist group," but "has made it possible for hundreds of thousands of Palestinians to survive and live a semblance of a decent life." It "only took up arms in 1988 ... After years of nonviolent educational and communal work."

There you have it: If not for us accursed Zionists, Hamas would be able to cootinue to devote all its energies to noble eleemosynary activities.

RATHER THAN have Prof. Sprinzak or me tell you what Hamas is, let's see how it describes itself in its charter, issued io August 1988.

The charter is headed by three epigraphs. The first is a section from the Koran's Sura which declares that "the People of the 200 DOON mostly "evildoers," and "ignominy shall be their portion." The second epigraph is a citation from "the linam and Martyr Hassan al-Banna," founder of the Moslem Brothers movement in Egypt in the 1920s, out of which Hamas grew: "Israel will rise and will remain erect until Islam eliminates it as it had eliminated its predecessors."

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Article 13 declares: "[Peace] inioatives...and the international conferences to resolve the Palestinian prohlem are all contrary to the beliefs of [Hamas]. For renouncing any part of Palestine means renouncing part of the religion ... There is no solution to the Palestinian problem except

hy jihad [holy war]." In several places the Hamas charter tells us that we Jews, who "stood behind the French and the Communist revolutions and most of the revolutions we hear about here and there," have used our money "to establish clandestine organizations which are spreading around the world in order to destroy societies and carry out Zionist interests. Among these "destructive, spying organizations" are the Freemasons. Rotary, Lions, B'nai B'rith, "and the like."

Such is the Hamas Mutual Aid &

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understand à God who changes His mind, so to speak?

The answer is that "the deeds of the forefathers and foremothers land of Canaan; and Abraham are guideposts for the future came to mourn for Sarah, and to actions of their descendants." From this perspecove, both com-(Gen. 23:1) mands are necessary - each in its The hihlical portion this week own time, each for its own chalopens with the death and

lenge. Essectially, our Bible teaches hurial of Sarah, which folthat God doesn't want us to die for lows the last incident in the previ-Him but rather to live for Him, hy ous portion. Our Sages see a cause-and-effect relationship. Pirkei De-Rehbe Eliezer His laws. Except for three most stringent prohibitions - idolatry, records: "Samael [Satan] became adultery and murder - when faced angry when he saw that his heart's with the choice of transgressing a commandment or giving up one's desire to nullify Ahraham's sacrifice hadn't succeeded. What did life, the individual Jew is to translive The R ible commands that "You shall live by My laws." In effect, therefore, the commanding verse throughout the generations is: "Do not cast your hand upon the lad," thus sanctify God's name in life. Yet there will be omes when the first command will be operative: Take your son, your only one, whom you love, even Isaac, and bring him up as an offering" (Gen. 22:2). Yes. perhaps God merely meant that Ahraham ought to climh the mountain with Isaac. pray with him, and thus elevate Isaac (as Rashi states). But the words are purposely ambiguous because the Almighty knows only too well that periods of hitter persecution will befall the Jews in future generations, when pious men and womeo will have to go to the fiery stake and will even face the terrible horror of bringing their own childreo to that stake in sanctification of God's name, in order for Judaism to survive. How often were Jewish parents given the choice of having their children haptized or killed, and the distraught fathers and mothers had to make the most painful decisioos of their lives? And are we, the Israeli pioneers, not expressiog the real sacrifice of Ahraham and Sarah when we educate our children to serve in the army, to be ready to make the supreme sacrifice for our people? Since Jewish history covers both these ranges of experience, it was necessary for God to speak amhiguously, to give, as it were, two commands. Our ideal is to serve God io life, hut there are moments when we must sanctify His oame in death. When Rashi cites the Midrashic phrase that Isaac was nearly sacrificed, was almost but finally not sacrificed (ke-ma'at shelo nishhat), he is struggling to include both possibilities and eventualities. As long as we look upon the Akeida as a blueprint for the future, it means Sarah understood that although this time her beloved Isaac's life was spared, his descendants would not always be so fortunate. Death, as well as the threat of death, is part and parcel of the Jewish experience; to be a Jew is to be a member of an exalled but dangerous and risk-laden profession. Sarah is the consummate mother, who feels not only for her son but for all her descendants. She may only weep and wail for her son's near death, hut her soul expires because of the terrible trials and executions which await her



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ment." Netanyahu allegedly demonizes Hamas because "He does not truly believe in the Oslo peace process." (Most Israeli Jews, 99.9% of whom desperately desire peace, also do not believe in the "Oslo peace process," because we have not found that our partners in that process are aiming for peace in the accepted sense of the term. But that is another matter.)

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'Sarah, did you not hear what happeoed in the world?' She said to him: 'No.' He said to her: 'Your old husband took the young Isaac and he sacrificed him as a burnt offering. The youth wept and wailed hut was unable to he saved.' Immediately Sarah began to weep and wail, three weepings corresponding to the shofar teki ot and three wailings corresponding to the shofar yevavot (ram's horn sounds heard on Rosh Hashana). Her soul theo left her and she

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died And, indeed, one can well understand how a devoted, doting and aged mother can literally drop dead in anguish upoo hearing such a lie regarding her beloved son.

But Rashi cites another version: "And the death of Sarah was placed oext to the hioding of Isaac because it was as a result of the announcement of the hinding that her son had been prepared for this slaughter and had almost been slaughtered [literally. had almost not been slaughtered, Ve-kema'at shelo nishhat] that her soul fled from her and she died."

On the surface, the first midrash sounds more logical, at least in terms of how we relate to death and tragedy. Upon hearing that her son had died. Sarah's soul, beiog so closely attached to her child. left her body. But how are we to understand the second midrash, in which the cause of Sarah's death is the fact that she heard Isaac had been slaughtered? almost Shouldn't this have been a cause for rejoicing? And why does Rashi choose this version over the previ-

ous one? I would like to suggest that lurking behind Rashi's choice lies the profound response of Sarah to the hinding of Isaac.

It must be remembered that there are effectively two com-mands given to Abraham: the first is to sacrifice Isaac on Mount Moriah as a whole burnt offeriog. But no sooner does Abraham prove himself ready to heed God's terrible command, than God rescinds it and Abraham is told the exact opposite - don't hurt even one hair on his head! What trouhles each generation of hiblical students is the agonizing question that if God did not desire Isaac's sacrifice, why did He make Abraham go through such an ordeal? And how can we possibly

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great-grandchildreo. The Akeida may be the binding of Isaac, hut from the Midrashic point of view, it is the sacrifice of Sarah.

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When business beats politics

A new generation of Arab entrepreneurs are happy to trade with Israel, as Steve Rodan discovers in Qatar

Meet Omar Salah. He's 28, dashing, rich and unafraid to trade with what many Arabs still refer to as the 'little Satan.'

In 1993, Salah, a Jordanian edu-cated in the US and raised in Britain, saw an opportunity. Israel had just signed an agreement with the PLO on interim peace. Soon after, Jordan signed its own accord with Israel. Salah knew that trade links would be next and he wanted to be first on line.

Salah began to visit Israel and to forge contacts with Israeli industrialists. His goal was to establish joint ventures between Israeli companies and various Jordanian industries.

Salah's Today. Century Investment Group has 12 ventures with Israeli companies and they produce everything from underwear to software. The products are to be exported duty-free to the US, with the next targets being the European Union and the Arab world.

For Salah, the process cannot move fast enough. "There is now a sense of urgency for change," he says. "Things have to move forward and we don't have time."

The Arab-Israeli peace process might be receding. Pledges of buge Western investment might have evaporated. But quietly both Israeli and Arab analysis say that new hope for change has emerged in the region: a small but powerful group of young Western-educated Arab businesspeople who are plainly sick of their regimes and want economic reforms and democracy so they can profit.

"We keep the heat on, trying to

force things through and lately the says. "You also have an advanced governments have been accepting such kinds of pressure," Salah says. banking system that we find impor-

"Israel is quite good," El Khair, an executive at Chase Manhattan "I think it is the merging of these local Arab businessmen together Bank, says. "They are looking for markets and if it wasn't for politics with multinationals that will make the change," says Uri Savir, former you would have done something in director general of the foreign ministry and now director of the my country." Many in the new generation of Shimon Peres Peace Center.

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ly it was "Made in Israel,"

Arah businessmen have been bold "It won't be the local businessenough to bypass the traditional boycott of Israel by Middle East men themselves. It will be the will of the multinationals which will demand openness and reform as a condition for joint vectures," Savir "Yes I am very dif-

Such a development could be a boon to Israel. Siemens Data Communication, for example, has been opening several joint ventures incorporating Israeli, Jordanian and Palestinian engineers. Some work together in the northern town of Karmiel in a project that has attracted Arab engineers from throughout the region.

Many in this emerging husiness concerns are class see Israel as an opportunity rather than an ideological obstacle. politics. I want Jamil Ibrahim and John El Khair are businessmen from Bahrain. to make money" They met with Israeli industrialists at the Middle East economic conference in Doha and with former regimes. The trick has been to prime minister Shimon Peres. import Israeli goods via multina-

"I'm looking for partners in joint ventures because I believe you have advanced technology," Ibrahim. who runs a company involved in construction and food production,

Take what is being marketed in Qatar supermarkets as Jordanian tomatoes. They are all the rage among Qatari professionals educat-ed in the West. The Jordanian label is their entry ticket to this Gulf sheikdom, but it is a well-kept secret that the tornatoes are really from Israel. "I used to eat Jordanian tomatoes

a few years ago," a Qatari official says. "They were poorly packaged as other Arab products and differed in size and taste. These tomatoes are packaged as any American tomatoes would and look and taste the same. There is no doubt that this is Israeli."

Other Arab businessmen are dealing with Israelis in joint ventures based on exports through the dutyfree port of Dubai. That is where labels are changed and everything from Israeli produce to software are shipped throughout the Arab world. Such businessmen as Jordan's Salah consider Israel as a partner even in what they regard as the stalled peace process. They dismiss the refusal of Arab governments to send officials to the Doha conference as essentially meaningless.

"I tell people that the saddest part of events of late is that people of the region can actually get along," Salah says, "Relationships between Arabs and Jews are very possible and practical."

These new cadres of young Western-educated businessmen

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ernments, diplomats say. A good example is Morocco where King Hassan II has actually conceded some authority to permit privatization and the opening of capital mar-kets. The result is that the North African kingdom has one of the fastest growing economies in the region, a development Hassan hopes will help fight the influence of Islamic fundamentalism. In Jordan, successive govern-

have some influence on their gov-

ments have observed International Monetary Fund guidelines regarding privatization and the creation of capital markets. Officials and Arab businessmen say the Hashemite kingdom has instituted some of the most liberal regulations in the region. The result has been an inflow of Arab and Western capital and investments.

In Qatar. Envir Hamad Bin Khalifa Althani presides over a young government of Western-educated technocrats who have introduced unprecedented social and economic reforms. The emir's wife may have seven children like other Gulf women but she is university educated and leading a drive for women's rights.

In Egypt, President Hosni Mubarak nught be mouthing the tired old slogans of Arab unity and resistance. But his 34-year-old son Jamal is a leading entrepreneur fighting for Western-style reforms. Mubarak's son is not the only offspring of a leader to embark on a different path from his father. Many of the Western-educated young businesspeople at the Doha conference were sons of prominent Arab government officials. "Yes, I am very different from my father," says the son of a leading

Jordanian politician who did not want to be identified. "My father's concerns are politics. I want to make money.

"I visit my father often but I have a different agenda," says the soo of a leading Palestinian in Gaza. "I share my father's thoughts on many things but I am first and foremost a businessman."

Critics say that the new generation of Arab businessmen may have little influence because their aim is making money rather than changing the system. They describe these people as materialistic and selfish even if their command of English is a lot better than their fathers'.

"Their Western education doesn't last forever," a European diplomat based in Kuwait says. "These peo-ple return home and find no jobs in the private sector. So, they get a government job and run a husiness on the side using the connections of powerful tather. They tu to be very materialistic and just think about their next car." And despite the hrave talk of some, many of the new Arab generation still don't dare to buck the system. Ibrahim, the Bahrain husinessman who deals with Israelis, points out that his country still bans Israeli products. He is not sure whether this boycot will be lifted anytime soon. "We have to look over our shoulders at the Saudis," Ibrahim says, referring to Bahrain's huge neighbor which provides the sheikdom with economic aid. "These people could then continue doing what he help us." Even the most fervent of Arab businessmen don't expect much democratization in the Middle East anytime soon. Democracy, they say, leads to calls for respecting human rights by impoverished minorities, and this tends to anger the leaders of neighboring nations bent on remaining totalitarian. "To open the doors of democracy, yon have to make calculations for the region," Qatar Foreign Minister Hamad Bio Jassio Althani says. "We want to do this in a way that will not hurt other countries." Even Jordan's Salah is careful not to anger too many in his country who want to continue the boycott of Israel. He rarely speaks to the media and had kept the Jordanian-Israeli joint ventures a secret until the Doha conference, where he revealed them mainly in an effort to attract non-Israeli investment. Salah's industrial zone produces garments for the wanted. "Today I'm the mayor," he Gap, a US-based chaio store for had said. "Who knows where I'll be tomorrow?" No one laughed sportswear. Fahed Fanek, a leading harder than Milo himself. Despite Jordanian economist and newspapressing political issues Milo, who per columnist, does not see Salah seldom stays at any function for more than an hour, cleared his as representing a trend. "I think politics are important and you canschedule so he could spend the whole evening at the closing ses-sion of the 22nd meeting of the not skip over it," he says. "Public opinion [in Jordan against Israel] is strong. Businessmen are hesitatmuseum's international board of ing. Omar Salah is an exception. governors, of which he is chair-He is oot seen in public gatherings man. in Jordan. I don't think he can be NATIONAL comedic treasure seen." Tuvia Tsafir, who unstintingly And Salah himself acknowledges gives his services to the Alyn that he feels like an iconoclast oper-Orthopedic Hospital ating in a region that demands con-Handicapped Children, coined a formity. His main worry is not about whether his businesses will phrase at its annual dinner dance fail, he says, but about how he can at the Jerusalem Hyatt: "Bald is keep making money with Israelis while anger in the Arab world conbeautiful." Seeking to allay fears abut the intentions of Iraqi President Saddam Hussein Tsafir, tinues to grow against the govern-ment of Prime Minister Binyamit impersonating King Hussein. declared that the Iraqi president will soon be joining the peace process. "Saddam Hussein has Netanyahu. "At the end of the day, the risk we are talking about is not business," cancelled his edict to cut off his he says, in an address to industrialists in Doha. "The risk is that things enemies' ears," he said. "But will continue the way they are. unfortunately, not too many peo-Then it will be hard to find an ple could hear the good news." explanation for what we do." Still on the subject of Saddam



Ross chooses Mom over Qatar

Roving troubleshooter Dennis Ross replaced his US peace process architect hat last weekend with that of loyal son. Ross missed this week's economic conference in Doha, Qatar, because of a long-standing com-mitment to speak in his hometown of San Francisco at a Hadassah dinner honoriog his mother. Gloria, and her husband, Lou Cherin, Ross's brother and sister and their families also attended.

While be was geographically removed from the Middle East, Ross's address nonetheless centered on the roots of the peace process, the stalemated Israeli-Palestinian negotiations, and the 20th anniversary of the late Egyptian president Anwar Sadat's historic visit to Jerusalem.

SPEAKING at the Tel Aviv Museum where, together with his wife, Ziva, and Tamar Rudich, Raya Jaglom, Benno Gitter, Dina Ettinger and Rafael Efrat, he received the museum's Honorary Fellowship Award, former Tel Aviv mayor Shlomo Lahat noted that cultural development had been so important to the city's first mayor, Meir Dizengoff, that he donated his house to help establish the Tel Aviv in an O ence to current mayor Roni Milo. Jerusalem mayor Ehud Ohmert and former Lod mayor Maxim Levy, who are all working to unseat the prime minister, Lahat remarked: "Even today, when you are looking to do good things, it's the mayors who are the leaders." It was not the only reference to Milo's ambition to step into Netanyahu's shoes. Artist Michal Rovner, who was the recipient of the Gamzu Prize for the Advancement of the Arts, recalled that Milo had once told her that he wished he were an artist because he

troubleshooter Hussein, but this time in the guise of Environment Minister Rafael Eitan, Tsafir quipped: "If Saddam sends missiles to Israel, we'll retaliate with water from the Yarkon." Then taking on the persona of former prime minister Yitzhak Shamir, Tsafir, reflecting on the national elections, said: "Every four years we go to elections to find out who will be Shas's partner in the coalition." Tsafir saluted Ronit Sofer, a plucky 18-year-old who three years ago, as the result of a road accident, suffered a spinal injury which paralyzed her from the neck down. After three years of bospibeing a quadriplegic to a person who has mastered independent walking while, at the same time. completing ber matriculation exams with excellent grades.

> sul Ioannis Taghis saw a newspa-Orchestra in two. concerts with emationally singer George Dalaras. The former classmates had a warm reunion before the concerts, at a reception in Dalaras's honor, at the residence of Greek Ambassador Sotiris Varouxakis. Among the guests was Simon Parnass, who hosts the ITV musical show Taverna and who for years has hosted radio programs featuring Greek music. Parnass relates that Dalaras's father, Lukas, was the most famous performer of rembetico, the "blues" sung by Greeks who had been exiles in Turkey; and that forty years ago he had ... thrilled local immigrants from

talization at Alyn, she went from WHEN newly arrived Greek conper photograph of conductor Elias Vondouris last week, he realized he'd soon have a chance to meet up with the Athens school buddy he hadn't seen in 20 years: Voudouris was here this week to conduct the Israel Philharmonic



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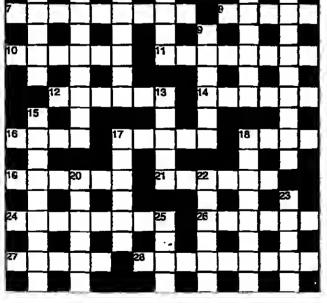
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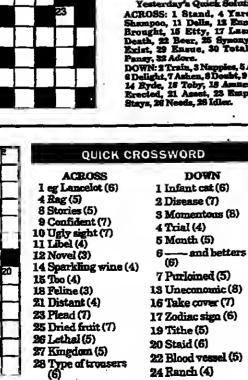
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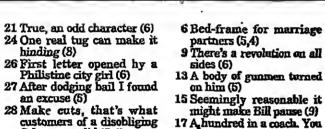
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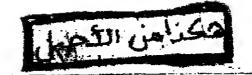
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Salonika by performing at the Arianna club in Jaffa.

SINGER David Broza, while on a concert tour of Australia, visited critically ill tennis player Sasha Elterman, one of the victims of the Maccabiah bridge disaster. Broza donated in excess of \$2,500 to a fund which has been set up to help pay for the 15-year-old's medical expenses.

IF his political career happens to fizzle, Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu may have an alternauve - in Hollywood. A natural in front of the TV cameras, Netanyahu may be even better in front of a movie camera. The PM, who is a great fan of actor Arnold Schwartzenegger, met him at the gala Aish Hatorah dinner in Los Angeles this week. After telling Amie how much he enjoyed his movies, he added with a smile that he would love to join him in some future production. Ronald Reagan went from Hollywood to the White House, but since we're a right-to-left people, Bibi could well go from the Prime Minister's Office to Hollywood.

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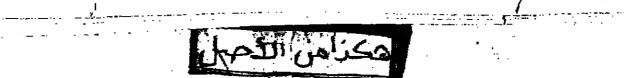
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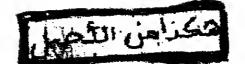
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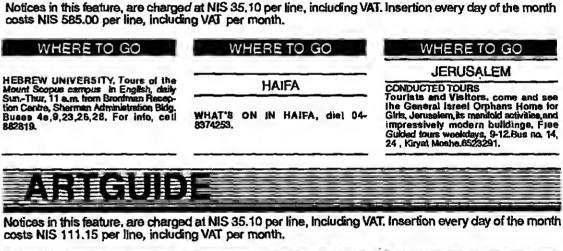
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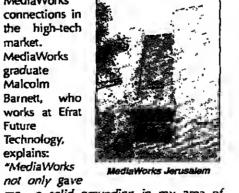
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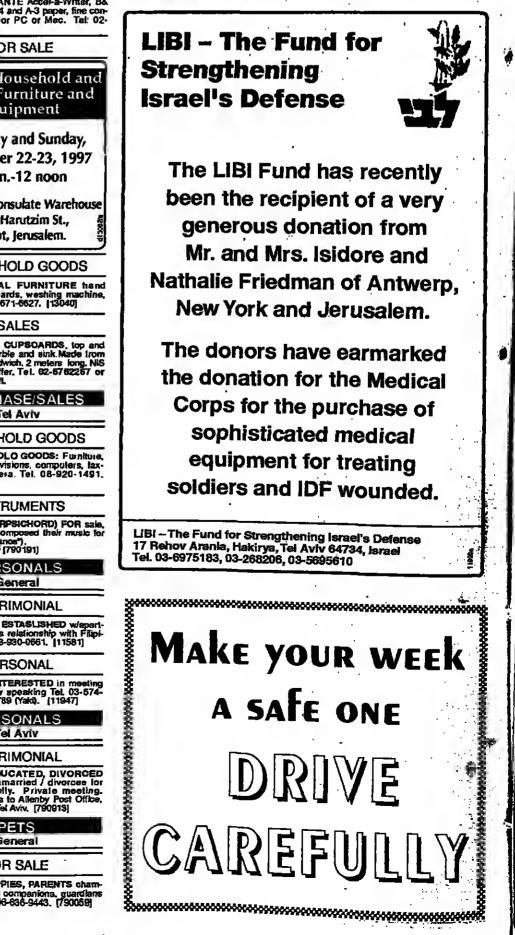
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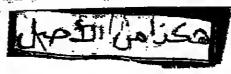
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Aussies dismiss Kiwis for 217; strike looms Bizarre Mantle

PERTH (Reuters) - Australia made some outstanding catches as they dismissed New Zealand for a modest 217 but the opening day of the second Test was overshadowed by the growing likelihood of a players' strike.

Mark Taylor's team put aside thoughts of a possible 21-day strike next month in pursuit of a pay claim to hold a succession of difficult chances and further deflate the struggling tourists.

At close of play on opening day at the WACA, Australia were 32 for one, still 185 in arrears, after Taylor was trapped leg before wicket for two by left-arm pace bowler Shayne O'Connor without playing a shot

Taylor and Australia's other first-class cricketers are to vote on whether to strike, according to the Australian Cricket Board (ACB) who released details of their ballot during the day. It was an eventful day for

Taylor, who walked to the wicket under floodlights after officials reacted to the deteriorating light by switching them on for the last session. According to the ACB, it was

the first time a Test match has been played under lights following a decisioo by cricket's world governing body earlier this year to allow the practice.

Although clearly disappointed with the manner of his dismissal, Taylor led by example in his field. ing at first slip, where he took two sharp chances earlier in the day. But despite Australia's accep-tance of every chance on offer,

New Zealand captain Stephen. Fleming must have boped for a bigger total after winning the toss in ideal batting conditions. Only all-rounder Chris Caims

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New Zealand, who lost the first test in Brisbane last week by 186 runs, were reduced to 87 for five before Cairns and McMillan lifted their spirits with a 74-run partner-

ship. ...Fast bowler Simon Cook also had cause to thank his teammates' efforts as he celebrated bis test debut with two wickets.

Both Steve Waugh at gully and wicketkeeper Ian Healy held difficult chances to remove tail-ender O'Connor and opener Blair Pocock respectively.

Pakistan vs. West Indies Host Pakistan recorded its biggest ever victory over the West Indies yesterday, prevailing by an innings and 19 runs in the first of the three-Test series.

Pakistan bowled out the tourists for 211 in their second innings on the fourth day of the Test.

Leg-spinner Mushtaq Ahmed once again mesmerized the vulnerable Caribbean batting lineup, finishing with career-best match figures of 10 for 106, surpassing his previous best of 10-143 against New Zealand at Lahore last year.

Wasim Akram also grabbed four wickets. Ahmed added five more to his first innings tally of 5-35 to take the Man of the Match award. Pakistan had only once before beaten the West Indies by an innings margin in their 32 meetings. It recorded an innings and one run win against the West Indies in 1957-58 at Port of Spain. The West Indies have won 12 Tests out of 32, while Pakistan now stands at eight wins with 12 matches ending in a draw.

The visitors, who crumbled at 151'in the first outing, conceded a massive 230-run lead as Pakistan replied strongly with 381.

Resuming at the overnight total of 99 for two - needing another 131 runs to avoid the innings defeat ---Azhar Mehmood got trapped off Brian Lara (37) at leg before in only McMillan paid a heavy price for the third over of the day.

Lara was dropped by Ahmed off Wasim Akram when he had not yet added a run to his overnight 36 für two. Umpire Said Shah did not declare it a oo-ball although the TV replays clearly showed that Akram over-stepped the crease by more than six inches.



QUICK WICKET - Australia's Simon Cook (r) celebrates after dismissing New Zealand's Blair Pocock for 15 runs to claim his first career Test wicket. (Reuters)

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auction sparks family anger

DALLAS (Reuters) - The family of baseball legend Mickey Mantle is fighting to stop his for-mer companion from auctioning off the dead slugger's personal items, including medicine bottles and a lock of his hair.

Roy True, attorney for the family estate and Mantle's widow Merlyn, said on Wednesday he would file a lawsuit on Thursday unless Greer Johnson agrees to cancel the sale at Leland's auction house in New York this weekend. Manue, who died of cancer in

1995, had a romantic relationship with Johnson during the last decade of his life.

She was his agent and manager and they spent a lot of time together at a home he owned in Georgia. The auction items include baseball bats, jerseys and photographs of the New York Yankeee Hall of Famer with other baseball greats,

but there are also a number of personal items. Prescription medicine bottles made out to Mantle, his birth certificate, a speedboat and fishing gear, dress shirts, swimsuits and even a large lock of his hair are among the more unusual, and most desired, items up for sale. "The family is very burt and they are embarrassed," True said on Wednesday.

True said the federal lawsuit aimed at blocking the auction would conteod that the items belong to Mantle's estate and not Johnson.

But a publicist for Leland's said Johnson was the true owner of the memorabilia and that she planned to put the auction proceeds into a trust for Mantle's favorite charities. "Her intentions are honorable,"

publicist Colleen Turner said, adding there was huge public inter-est in the auction and that it will raise several million dollars.

"We have already had a high bid of \$6,000 for the lock of hair," Turner said. She said Johnson had worried about putting some of the more personal items up for sale but ultimately decided that Mantle would approve.

There is a fine line between the macabre and mue collectibles. But the bottom line is that the public wants this stuff," .Turner said. "Anyone can bave a signed ball or bat but oot anyone can get such personal artifacts."

Cole re-signs with Utd

MANCHESTER (AP) - Striker Andy Cole signed a new five-year deal yesterday with Manchester United, ending speculation of a possible move to Aston Villa.

Cole joined United to 1995 from Newcastle in a then Britisb record £7-million deal.

Hit by injury and illness last season, the 26-year-old striker has claimed a regular place in the United lineup this campaign with a string of impressive performances.

He has scored 11 goals this season, including eight in a three-game spell - hat-tricks against Feyenoord in the European Champions' League and Barnsley in the Premier League and two in the league against Sheffield Wednesday.

English soccer -Wednesday's results: League Cup - Fourth Round: West Ham 4, Walsall 1; Chelsea 2, Southampton 1 (extra time). Scottish Premier: Celtic 1, Rangers 1.

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Hrbaty, Kroslak to play in Eilat tennis tourney Five tennis players among the world's top 100 have committed themlves for the \$50,000 Club Hotel Eilat Challenger Journament to be ld in the southern resort town next month. Two Slovakians, Dominik Hrbaty (42 in the ATP Tour rankings) and

in Kroslak (80), who led Slovakia to a 3-1 triumph over Israel in the avis Cup tie last year, lead the list of entrants.

Dinu Pescariu (82) from Rumania and Italians David Sanguinetti (92) d Gianluca Pozzi (96) are the other leading names.

Also drawn to Eilat's attractive weather are Russia's Andrei herkasov, Martin Sinner from Germany and Jeff Tarango who has quested a wildcard entry.

Among the players from 20 countries will be local rackets Eyal Erlich. aviv Weideofeld and Eyal Ran.

In other news, the national women's team will compete for the first me in the European Team Championships later this month.

Anna Smashnova, Hila Rosen, Tsippi Obziler and Nataly Cahana leave for Malta next week for round-robin matches against Ireland and the host country.

The winner of the competition will advance to the European Level B. Shlomo Glickstein is the team coach and captain.

In Jaffa, the semifinals of both the Friedman men's satellite and the Vanessa Phillips tournament will be contested today.

Ofer Sela, top seed and winner of the second leg in Haifa, will play against Noam Behr with Lior Mor facing Amir Hadad.

Smashnova also the No. 1 seed, will play Rosen and Obziler will meet Bianca Kamper from Austria.

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Lightning end winless streak

TAMPA, Florida (AP) --- Rob Zamuner scored three goals as the Tampa Bay Lightning ended a 16game winless streak with a 6-3 victory over the New York Rangers on Wednesday night. The Lightning were 0-15-1 in

their last 16 games. Tampa Bay hadn't won since an Oct. 9 victory (4-1) at Chicago.

Bruins 3, Penguins 3 Ray Bourque, beaten by Mario Lemieux for his first NHL goal in 1984, spoiled Lemieux's retirement party by scoring the final goal as visiting Boston and Pittsburgh played to a tie.

Hurricanes 2, Canadiens 1 Jeff O'Neill scored midway through the third period as Carolina broke Montreal's fivegame road winning streak.

The Northeast Division-leading Canadiens were shooting for their first six-game road winning streak in 15 years, but O'Neill's third of the season ended gOal

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Montreal's hot streak.

Maple Leafs 3, Flyers 1 Igor Korolev set up goals by new linemates Sergei Berezin and Mats Sundin and host Toronto beat Philadelphia for its first victory over the Flyers in four years.

Islanders 3, Red Wings 2 Tom Chorske broke a tie early in the third period, leading New York to an away win.

The goal was Chorske's 200th NHL point and his third goal in the last three games after going goalless in his first 18 games. Stars 3, Öilers 2

Darryl Sydor had a goal and an assist as host Dallas kept Edmonton without a win io November.

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Sports Editors Joe Hoffman & Ori Lewis

Lloyd inks new pact

LONDON (AP) - David Lloyd signed a new contract yesterday to stay on as England cricket coach through the 1999 World Cup.

The England and Wales Cricket Board extended Lloyd's original two-year pact. Lloyd will remain in charge for this winter's tours to Sharjah and the West Indies, next year's trip to Australia and home series against South Africa, Sri Lanka and New Zealand.

The extension was a vote of confidence and came despite England's defeat to Australia in last summer's Ashes series.

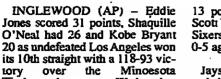
Gazza banned for 5 matches

GLASGOW (AP) – Glasgow Rangers midfielder Paul Rangers Gascoigne was banned for five matches Thursday after surpassing the Scottish League's limit for disciplinary violations. The England star was sent off

for violent conduct in Wednesday night's 1-1 draw against Celtic. That cost him 12 disciplinary points, taking his 'season total to 21 and beyond the threshold.

Gascoigne must serve an automatic one-match ban for Wednesday's sending-off, which -means-he-will miss-tomorrow's game against Motherwell.

ISRAEL'S No. 1



Timberwolves on Wednesday night. The Wolves brought their own franchise-record into the Forum four straight road wins -- and

had the Lakers down by five in the first quarter. But Bryant and O'Neal restored order in the second quarter, keying 21-6 run that gave the Lakers a 16-33 advantage. Minnesota never recovered,

Tom Gugliotta led the Wolves with 22 points, and Kevin Garnett finished with 19.

Heat 122, Clippers 113 Host Miami scored a franchise-record 45 points in the first period and went on to hand Los Angeles its seventh consecutive loss.

Tim Hardaway had a season-high 33 points in 31 minutes for Miami, and Isaac Austin tied a career-high with 26 points against the NBA's second-worst defense. Hornets 106, Trail Blazers 92 Glen Rice teamed with David Wesley to fuel a third-quarter run that helped Charlotte end Portland's perfect road record.

The Trail Blazers lost for the first time in five road games this seasoo. Portland got 18 points apiece from Isaiah Rider, Arvydas Sabonis and Rasheed Wallace.

76ers 97, Wizards 86 Allen lverson scored 29 points and Philadelphia picked up its first home victory and first win against an Eastern Conference opponeot hy beating Washington. Cl

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13 points and 12 rebounds and Scott Williams 11 rebounds for the Sixers, who were 0-4 at home and 0-5 against Eastern teams.

Nets 108, Celtics 100 Jayson Williams had 27 poiots and 13 rebounds and host New Jersey ended the Celtics' four-

game winning streak. Coach Rick Pitino and Antoine Walker were ejected during the second half as the Celtics saw

their record slip to 5-6. Magic 96, Cavaliers 93 (OT) Derek Strong came off the hench to score 20 points and Orlando erased a 20-point deficit in the fourth quarter to win on the road.

The Magic, who won their fourth straight without injured Penny Hardaway, outscored Cleveland 31-17 in the fourth and 9-6 in the extra period to deny the Cavs' the 1,000th victory io franchise history.

Spurs 108, Warriors 87 David Robiosoo scored 21 points and Tim Duncan added 19 as host San Antonio dealt Golden State its ninth straight loss to start

the season. Golden State's 0-9 start is the worst in franchise history. Sonics 107, Grizzlies 87

Gary Payton scored a seasonhigh 31 points and handed out 11 assists and Detlef Schrempf added 23 points as Seattle won at home: The Grizzlies, after falling behicd by 25 points in the first half, closed to \$4-80 with 6:02 left. But the Sonics responded with a 23-7 blitz the rest of the

Shareef Abdur-Rahim led Vancouver with 25 points and seven rehounds. Blue Edwards ame off the bench for 14 points.

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BEHEMOTH BATTLE - Lakers' Shaquille O'Neal and Timberwolves Cherokee Parks go after a loose ball in second-quarter action. The Lakers won their 10th straight game, 118-93. (Reuters)

Maccabi trounces Moscow

By BRIAN FREEMAN

Maccabi Tel Aviv returned to the map of the European elite with its biggest margin of victory ever over CSKA Moscow, 87-69 at Yad. Eliahu last night.

Hapoel Jerusalem also won its EuroLeague contest last night at Malha with an 88-84 overtime victory over Partizan Belgrade. Adi Gordon led the victors with 26 points, followed by Kenny Williams's 20.

Maccabi, playing before a boisterous capacity crowd, continued its momentum from its thrilling road win over Real Madrid last week to post its most impressive victory this

Rashard Griffith had his best game of the season, scoring 20 points on 8-12 from the field, pulling down 11 rebounds, blocking 3 shots and clogged the middle against the CSKA hig men. Oded Katash led all scorers with

29 points, including 3-5 from three-point range and 8-9 from the freethrow line, while Doron Sheffer also contributed an all-around good game with 18 points (6-9 from the field, 6-8 from the line), 4 rebounds and 4 assists. Randy White chipped in 10, Borko Radovic 6 and Nadav Henefeld 4.

The victory, combined with Real Madrid's 81-78 upset of Efes Pilsen in Istanbul, moves the Israelis into a second place tie in Group A with a 4-4 record.

CSKA, which had beaten Maccahi four straight times and had not lost to Tel Aviv since December 15, 1994, came out looking like it was going to give the Israelis a difficult night, especially with an unusually hot Valeri Tikhonenko scoring 18 first-half points (he entered with a 7.3 average)

When the teams entered the locker room all knotted at 44, it appeared another classic nail-biting finish was in store for the fans.

But midway through the second half, Maccahi had built up a 64-58 margin, thanks in large part to strong inside moves from Griffith and the ability of his teammates to get him the ball in good position. It was from that point that Maccabi fans witnessed the team's best basketball of the season as Tel Aviv scored 15 unanswered points, holding Moscow scoreless for more

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Local Oscar nominations



rally to win 3-setters NEW YORK (AP) - Lindsay Davenport, No. 2 in the world, on, eighth-seeded Irina Spirlea of Romania, while Sanchez Vicario will face No. 2 Jana Novoma.

was up a set and a service hreak. Just hold serve two more times. Monica Seles, seeded fifth in this season-ending tournament, was up a set and two service breaks. Neither won.

and Arantxa Sanchez Vicario are in the quarterfinals of the \$2 million Chase Championships. Fernandez knocked off Daveoport 2-6, 6-4, 7-6(9-7) before Sanchez Vicario bounced Seles 3-6, 6-4, 6-4. Next up for Fernandez will be the reigning French Open champi-

begin last night when top-seeded Martina Hingis played No. 7 Mary Pierce, followed hy No. 6 Iva Majoli against Nathalie Tauziat, Instead, Mary Joe Fernandez who, like Fernandez and Sanchez Vicario, is unseeded. "I don't know quite what happened at 4-1" in the second set, Seles said. "I missed that one volley and everything starts changing

and I couldn't get my rhythm back. By the time Seles did, Sanchez Vicario had won 10 of the next 12

games, going from a 1-4 deficit in the second set to a 5-2 lead in the third. She didn't let her chance slip The quarterfinals were set to

by Sanchez Vicario was on the left sideline, the right sideline, the haseline, at the net. She was everywhere, getting the ball back, making Seles hit one more shot, theo another, then another.

When things looked hleakest for Fernandez, she slipped and fell on the Madison Square Garden carpet. "I was extremely embarrassed after the fall, to be honest," said Fernandez, who didn't know if she tripped or slipped. "All I know is I hit a good shot ... and the next thing I knew; my feet left me. But the fall coincided with a momentum swing that toppled her former doubles partner.

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DUBAI (AP) - Australian soc-cer chairman David Hill, who angered Iranian authorities with remarks about negative playing conditions in Tehran, said yesterday his team was looking forward to the World Cup playoff match

against Iran. Offering an apparent olive branch, Hill said that his comments about conditions in Iran for tomorrow's crucial game were based on information provided hy the Australian Foreign Ministry. "The logistical nightmare we spoke about was not a concern of Iran. We had to get our coaches and players from different countries at such a short notice," said Hill, speaking in Dubai where the Australians have been training in preparation for the first leg of the two-leg playoff.

"Our Department of Foreign Affairs also said that we will have to make special arrangements with our food," said Hill, who arrived Wednesday in Dubai.

He said that if the Iranians wanted to make similar arrangements when they arrive for the. second leg in Melhourne next week, "Soccer Australia will respect that and provide every help we can."

Australia and Iran will play two games - in Tehran tomorrow and in Melbourne November 29 - to decide the final berth in the World Cup finals next year in France.

Hill angered Iranian and FIF authorities earlier when he said i feared for the safety of his player because of rowdy fans, contam nated water and bad food, and th US-Iraq tension that could lead a war in the Gulf.

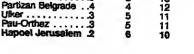
Hill said his comments had bee misinterpreted by some section of the media, especially in Australia, that we are unhappy to play in Iran."

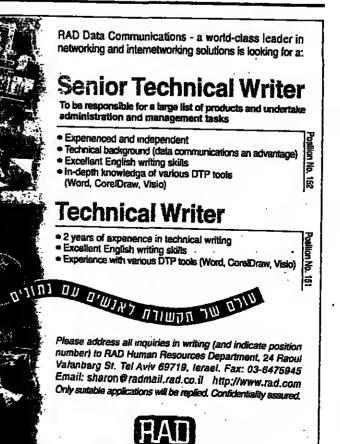
than eight minutes and assuring that the Israelis would hold a tie-breaker advantage over the Russians by defeating them hy more than the 71-63 margin CSKA beat Maccahi in Moscow.

Particularly impressive on the defensive end was Henefeld, who held Valeri Daineko, CSKA's lead-ing scorer at 17.9 a game, to only 7 points and none in the second half. Tikhonenko led CSKA with 18 points.

In other Group A action yester-day, it was Madrid 81, Efes Pilsen 78 and Limoges 66, Olympiakos 60. In Group C, Pau-Orthez beat Ulker 77-76 and Kinder Bologna won \$3-70 over Barcelona.

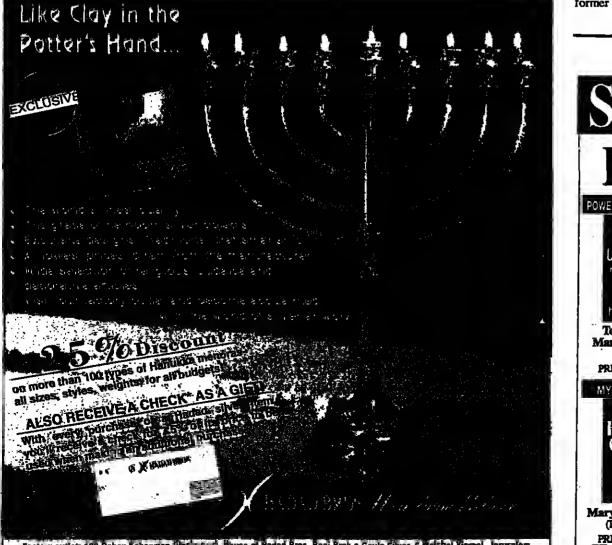
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